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Call to reverse Law Lords' decision

Banks facing £1bn bill for redundancy

BY NEIL BENNETT, DEPUTY BUSINESS EDITOR

MORE than half a million employees from 20,000 failed businesses stand to gain up to £1 billion in total after a decision by the Law Lords yesterday that will force company receivers to make full redundancy payments to anyone they laid off in the past eight years.

The decision shocked the accountancy and banking worlds and prompted calls for Michael Heseltine, the President of the Board of Trade, to introduce retrospective legislation to prevent a legal free-for-all. However, the chances of such a move appeared last night to be slim.

The action was started four years ago by Captain Dave Wilmot, an airline pilot with Paramount Airways, who turned to his local solicitors when he was laid off by his firm's administrators without the holiday pay to which he thought he was entitled. Since then it has grown into an legal action that could cost the high street banks hundreds of millions of pounds in irrecoverable loans.

The decision opens the way for employees and directors from many well-known companies that failed during the recession to sue the receivers for redundancy payments. They include Ferranti, Leyland DAF, Maxwell Communication Corporation and Polly Peck.

The uproar has been caused by bad drafting in two clauses of the Insolvency Act 1986, which were introduced at the last minute. These, the Law Lords have decided, make receivers and administrators responsible for the contracts of employees in the companies they take over once two weeks have passed. In the past, receivers had believed they were able to lay off staff and give them no more than their statutory redundancy entitlement, which is funded by the Department of Employment.

When the Court of Appeal first decided that administrators and receivers were responsible a year ago, the Government rushed through a law to close the loophole. But any employee of a company that failed between 1986 and early 1994 is still eligible to claim redundancy money.

Yesterday Captain Wilmot, now a senior pilot with Airtours, said he originally had no idea what effect his court action might eventually have. "I have had nine airlines go broke on me and I just felt there was something wrong when an administrator could not accept responsibility for my contract."

He said that the receivers Spicer & Oppenheim had asked him to work on for six months after Paramount Airways failed, and laid him off only when hopes of a rescue deal fell apart. "They came in and trod all over us."

With two colleagues who had taken out legal insurance he sued for holiday and redundancy pay. Yesterday he said that he did not expect to see the money. "It is a victory, but these people are so powerful that they will try to bring in a retrospective change in the law to prevent it. They won't take all this sitting down."

Ian Bradbery, the president of the Society of Practitioners of Insolvency, said that he was calling for an early meeting with Mr Heseltine to demand retrospective legislation. He called the decision a penalty for saving jobs and said that the main winners from the decision would be the directors of failed companies who could sue to recover redundancy payments they had awarded themselves in their contracts.

"In retrospect, the answer would have been for the receivers to shut the doors on companies like Swan Hunter and Leyland Daf on day one, with the catastrophic effect that would have had on employment," Mr Bradbery said.

The main losers from the decision will be the creditors of the failed companies, since the claims of former employees will rank above all others. The hardest hit will be the high street banks who will have to wait years longer to recover any of their loans and will receive far less as a result.

The Law Lords largely upheld the decision of the Appeal Court a year ago. But Lord Browne-Wilkinson said at one point that the Appeal Court's reading of the ambiguous legislation produced "an absurd result which cannot reflect the intention of Parliament." As a result he decided that receivers should not be liable for other employee benefits, such as paid holidays.

When it reached the Lords the Paramount Airways action was linked to similar cases from Leyland DAF and Ferranti. At Leyland DAF 957 employees lost their jobs in 1993 after the firm went into receivership. They can all now sue the receivers to recover redundancy pay. Arthur Andersen, Leyland DAF's receiver, said last night that it had set aside enough money to meet any claims. At Ferranti, 229 employees are now eligible to take action.

The accountancy profession would appear to have little chance of persuading the Government to introduce retrospective legislation. When it was suggested last year the Government said such a move would be unconstitutional and both Houses of Parliament threw out amendments to the emergency Insolvency Act in 1994 that would have made the law retrospective.

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MoD flop pays out £400,000

Two officials hired on a three-year Ministry of Defence contract to sell 70,000 married quarters are to receive nearly £400,000 in redundancy pay. The scheme collapsed after only a few months.

Derek Fatchett, Labopr defence spokesman, denounced the "massive pay-offs" as another example of MoD waste and incompetence.

The Ministry's plan, involving a private housing trust, was seen as a way of meeting, at a stroke, Treasury demands for £500 million savings in 1995.....Page 2



JULIAN HERBERT

Norman Williamson on Master Oats: "One winner would have made me happy, but two ..."

Cup triumph for Master Oats

BY RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

MASTER OATS, the 100-30 favourite, won the Cheltenham Gold Cup yesterday to complete a historic big race double for Kim Bailey and Norman Williamson, the horse's trainer and jockey.

The pair won the Champion Hurdle on Tuesday with Alderbrook, and the last time a trainer and jockey won the two most important Cheltenham Festival races was in 1950, when Hatton's Grace and Cottage Rake, trained by Vincent O'Brien and ridden by Aubrey Brabazon, did it for the second successive year.

Bailey, 41, is the first trainer since Peter Easterby in 1981 to win both the Champion Hurdle and Gold Cup in the same year. He backed Alderbrook at 50-1 and Master Oats at 50-1 and 40-1. No jockey has completed the double since Fred Winter in 1961.

Bailey, based at Upper Lambourn, said: "I felt if we got to Thursday night without a winner you would see me hanging from the top of the stands. Everybody was saying we hadn't trained a Festival winner. Alderbrook and Master Oats came with every chance in the world, and have gone and done it."

O'Brien, the most successful trainer since the War, has been an idol of Bailey for years and witnessed the achievement. Bailey said: "I went round Ballydoyle [O'Brien's yard] 18 years ago when I first started training, and it was like walking into heaven going through the gates."

Williamson, who won the Ritz Club Trophy awarded to the leading jockey at the Festival, added: "I said last week that if I had one winner I'd go home happy, but to win two big races and have four winners is great."

Master Oats is now 4-1 for the Grand National at Aintree next month, a race Bailey won in 1990 with Mr Frisk. No horse has won the Cheltenham Gold Cup and Grand National in the same year since Golden Miller in 1934.

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Major fights to bring back the elusive feel-good factor

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND NICHOLAS WOOD

JOHN MAJOR signalled his determination yesterday to fight off any challenge to his leadership as he led a cabinet effort to deflect the impact of Kenneth Clarke's warning that the "feel-good" factor's return is still a long way off.

Amid signs that Tory morale is again on the slide, the Prime Minister also delivered a withering putdown to Lord McAlpine of West Green, the former Conservative Party treasurer, who became the first senior Tory to suggest openly that the party might benefit from losing the next election.

Countering Mr Clarke's downbeat assessment of the outlook for living standards, Mr Major said that Britain was witnessing the "most sustained recovery on the most secure basis that this country has seen for many years".

Tony Blair, the Labour leader, exploited the latest Tory rift to claim that the Chancellor had confirmed "that unless you are one of the favoured few at the top, you are worse off under the Tories".

Some leading Conservatives are predicting that the air of sullen resignation on the back benches could descend into panic if the opinion polls are borne out and the party is "thrashed" in the council elections in May. They believe that Mr Major could then come under intense pressure to make way for a new leader such as Michael Heseltine, Michael Portillo or Mr Clarke.

The Prime Minister was in defiant mood in the Commons as Labour's Dennis Skinner goaded him with the warning that his colleagues planned to kick him out "like a dog in the night". Mr Major told the House that he was no stranger to such speculation, had ridden it out in the past and would do so again.

As the fresh burst of leadership speculation raged, Mr Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, put himself at the head of efforts to calm increasing Tory anxieties about their seemingly dire election prospects. He also delivered oblique reminders that despite his heart attack and his 62 years, he still regarded himself as a potent political force. "We are not exhausted and I don't feel in any way haunted," he told BBC radio.

He sidestepped questions about his leadership ambitions, declining explicitly to rule out standing against Mr Major. He rejected the possibility that Tory MPs might offer him the crown and denied that they were all talking about a contest. "I have made it absolutely clear that they are not going to ... They aren't all talking about it. Let's be realistic.

"The thing that matters is to persuade people just what wonderful opportunities are coming through. We have got to believe in ourselves and go for it," he told Channel 4.

Mr Major implied in the Commons that Lord McAlpine's remarks, in which he said the Prime Minister had "stuffed up the Conservative Party", were connected with the publication of a book. He declared to gasps from the Tory benches: "I understand that he is promoting a book which is a work of fiction."

Lord McAlpine, a long-standing member of Baroness's Thatcher's inner circle and her host in Spain over the new year holiday, found little

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£6bn rescue for Crédit Lyonnais

The French Government is today expected to announce a bail-out plan for Crédit Lyonnais, France's biggest bank, which has a £6 billion hole in its accounts. The scheme will cost £100 for each man, woman and child in the country.....Page 10

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Clinton greets Adams at lunch

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

GERRY ADAMS yesterday received the ultimate stamp of approval when President Clinton shook his hand and chatted to him, despite Britain's vigorous objection to the Sinn Fein leader's fund-raising American visit.

Mr Adams finally came face to face with Mr Clinton at a St Patrick's Day lunch on Capitol Hill hosted by Newt Gingrich, the Speaker of the House. The two sat at different tables 15ft apart, Mr Adams sandwiched between two Republican congressmen. Tom DeLay, the Republican House Whip, and Peter King, a prominent Irish-American.

After reporters and cameramen were escorted out of the ornate room, Mr Clinton went around greeting the 75 other guests, who burst into applause when he shook Mr Adams's hand. Their encounter was described as very friendly by Mr King, who slipped out of the lunch to spread word of the meeting.

At one point during their conversation, Mr Clinton put his fist in the air and said: "This is going to work." Mr Adams said their four or five minutes' conversation was cordial and positive. He commended Mr Clinton for his active engagement in the peace process and thanked him for his efforts.

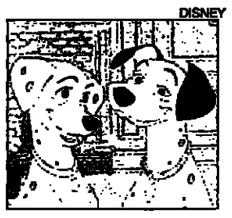
Mr Adams, who said Mr Clinton did not raise the issue of the IRA decommissioning its arsenal, also had what he described as a "cordial" conversation with Mr Gingrich. Citing his contacts with America's top politicians, the Sinn Fein leader later appealed to John Major to lift the Government's ban on ministerial-level meetings with Sinn Fein.

Tonight Mr Adams will be Mr Clinton's guest at a White House St Patrick's Day reception.

The Speaker's traditional lunch was held a day before St Patrick's Day so Congressmen could return to their districts for the weekend. The guests included John Bruton, the Irish Prime Minister, John Hume, leader of the SDLP, and John Alderdice, leader of Northern Ireland's Non-Sectarian Alliance Party.

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Grandson succeeds clan chief Lovat

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

AN 18-YEAR-OLD pupil at Harrow will become Chief of the Clan Fraser when he comes of age, after his grandfather Lord Lovat, a distinguished war hero, died at his home yesterday. He was 83.

Simon Christopher Joseph Fraser, Chief of the Clan Fraser of Lovat and head of one of Scotland's leading Catholic families, died peacefully in his sleep just before lunchtime. His wife Rosamond was at his side.

It was the third death to strike the family in the past year. Simon, Master of Lovat and Lord Lovat's heir, died of a heart attack while drag-hunting at the family seat in Inverness-shire. Another of Lord Lovat's sons, Andrew, was gored to death by a buffalo while on safari in Kenya a few weeks earlier.

Lord Lovat's grandson, Simon, who is in his final year at Harrow, will inherit the estate and the title in three years.

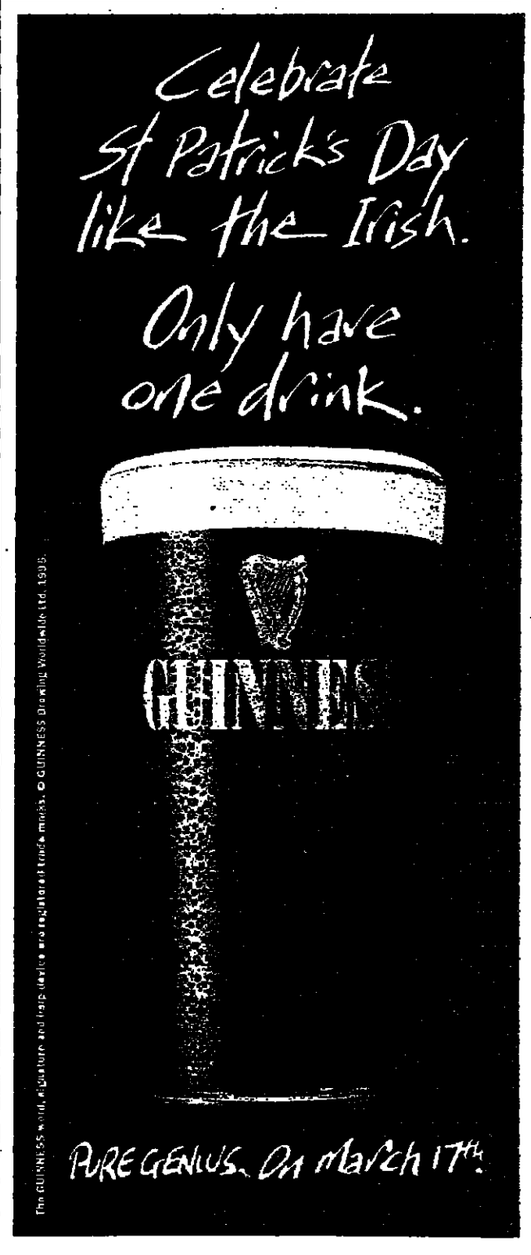
Lord Lovat, aware that the male members of the Fraser family often suffered from weak hearts, had handed over the family estates to his son Simon when he was 25. But it was Simon who had inherited the weak heart and his death left the family in a financial crisis, with debts of £7.4 million, including £990,000 to Lloyd's and £2.7 million to the Inland Revenue.

Lord Lovat, a much-decorated war hero, earned a place in history by leading one of the first Commando units ashore on D-Day in a kilt of Fraser tartan and accompanied by his personal piper. Churchill called him "the mildest-mannered man that ever scuttled a ship or cut a throat".

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Simon Fraser: will take title when he turns 21



MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

Busy Mr Major engages callers on crossed line

For some time now the Prime Minister has been in the sands of Palestine, and incommunicado. Not even the President of the United States, it seems, has been able to get through.

Yesterday Mr Major returned to the Commons for Prime Minister's Questions, and proved that he does not have to be in the Gaza Strip to be difficult to reach. There he was, as large as life and right in front of us. And still nobody could get through.

Trring, trring. It was David Shaw (C, Dover) on the line, on Question 1. There's a slight "lights on, nobody at home" quality about Mr Shaw at the best of times, but he's all too capable of making a loud noise of a brutish sort. Mr Major pinned back his ears. Down the line from Dover came a manic series of accusations about Labour-led local government. The implication was that Labour councillors were corrupt.

For this call, Mr Major was frankly not available. He did respond, but not to the point Shaw was trying to make. Muttering something about Labour incompetence, and the District Auditor's functions, the PM left Shaw hanging on in vain.

Trring, trring. It was that nice Mr Blair. Unfortunately he got Mr Major's answering machine. Blair left a message about Tory tax increases, but heard only some recorded voice-mail from the Government about "sustained economic recovery". *Trring, trring.* Blair tried again.

Maybe this time he would reach the PM? The Opposition leader launched into an excited complaint about taxation and "why people do feel so angry".

The PM was indeed in. But he appeared to have a crossed line. Instead of answering Blair, he fired off an angry complaint of his own about Labour's policies, or lack of them. *Click, crackle...* Now it was Blair's turn not to be in. From Labour's end of the line came a pre-recorded soundbite: "since he asks me the question, let me tell him what is wrong". Major had indeed asked him the question, but not *that* question. And now Major switched his own machine back on. After the bleep came a recorded message from the PM about the minimum wage and social chapter. Both men sat down. Neither had got through.

Trring, trring. It was Paddy Ashdown. Bother! Mr Major kicked himself for failing to screen out this call. Ashdown was ready with an awkward enquiry about a 36 per cent increase in government entertainment — and this, he said, from a Government which claimed it couldn't pay teachers.

What does one do when it's too late to hang up? Major had used up all his recorded messages. So he pretended he couldn't hear. The PM didn't actually *say* "sorry, Paddy, but it's a very faint line"; he simply ignored the question about official hospitality and let loose a rant about Mr Ashdown's county council. Operator Boothroyd never allows the Liberal Democrat leader two calls. Fuming, Paddy replaced the receiver.

Next came the fresh-faced and fluffy-tailed David Faber (C, Westbury). *Trring, trring.* "Hello?" said Mr Major — or, rather, "I refer my hon friend to the answer I gave some moments ago."

"Will you join me," Faber asked the prime-ministerial voice at the other end of the line, "in congratulating Chelsea Football Club" for their recent victory over Bruges at a good-natured match? All at once, the line was clear, the answering machine off, and Mr Major was at home and happy to take the call.

MoD pays £400,000 after homes project fails

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

NEARLY £400,000 is to be paid in redundancy money to two officials brought in on a three-year contract by the Ministry of Defence to devise a scheme, aborted after a few months, for selling 70,000 service married quarters.

Derek Fatchett, a Labour defence spokesman, last night denounced the pay-offs as another example of Defence Ministry "waste and incompetence".

The Defence Ministry's plan had been to set up a private housing trust that would have bought the MoD married quarters and leased them back, raising £500 million. It was proposed as a way of meeting, at a stroke, Treasury demands for savings of £500 million this year.

Three outsiders, Michael Robinson, former chief executive of Bristol City Council, Mark Taylor from the building industry, and Colin James, a housing expert, were contracted to run the trust.

However, the trust had to be wound up after the Treasury ruled it could not be properly classed as a private-sector body and would therefore be barred from receiving private-sector capital, upon which its success depended.

Mr Robinson, who was on a three-year contract totalling £240,000 plus option bonuses of £60,000, is now to be made redundant from March 31 after working for the Defence Ministry for about a year. He will receive £200,000 in compensation, Nicholas Soames, the Armed Forces Minister, said in a written Commons answer last night. Mr Taylor, who was the finance director of the doomed trust, will be paid £170,000.

Mr James will stay, as the chief executive of a new housing executive that was formed after the collapse of the housing trust. The executive will manage all the married quarters on a tri-service basis but the original plan to sell the properties and raise £500 million has had to be shelved.

The MoD said that Mr James would be paid £75,000 a year plus £5,000 in performance-related bonuses. His salary as housing director of the aborted housing trust was £60,000 a year plus £5,000 bonuses.

Neither Mr Robinson nor Mr Taylor were available last night for comment on their pay-offs.

Mr Fatchett said: "The MoD started out with plans to make £500 million from this sell-off. Despite spending £5 million [the total cost of setting up the trust], not one house has been transferred to the trust."

He said that the only people to have gained from the fiasco were "the legions of management consultants" who picked up £3 million in fees.

Mr Fatchett said: "This whole episode is a further example of waste and incompetence from the MoD. Who is going to accept responsibility for this obvious failure of government policy and how is the MoD going to fill the £500 million hole in its budget?"

There are currently 70,548 married service quarters, of which 2,801 are in the process of being disposed of and 98,992 are empty. About 1,800 of them are being held for families being redeployed from Germany and 1,930 are undergoing maintenance repairs.



Fatchett: denounced "MoD waste"

Nappy puts Chancellor in the gaffe zone again

BY ANDREW PIERCE AND ARTHUR LEATHLEY

ONLY days after praising the Consett steelworks that shut 15 years ago, Kenneth Clarke yesterday hailed the performance of a nappy factory in the same town which closed in 1991. Mr Clarke blundered during a BBC radio interview in which he had tried to make up for the gaffe over the Consett factory, Co Durham, which closed with the loss of almost 4,000 jobs in 1980.

The Chancellor disclosed how he had been sent samples from the Phileas Fogg snack factory, one of Consett's post-steelwork success stories, after he slipped up in an interview on Radio Newcastle.

"They sent me a great packet of their really rather excellent crisps which I do know are made in Consett, which I think is also one of the major centres in western Europe for disposable baby nappies as well," he told BBC Radio 5 Live. "But I don't wish to have a cardboard box full of baby nappies coming to 11 Downing Street. I will settle for the crisps."

The Chancellor will have little choice. The BlueRidge Care nappy factory that he was referring to closed in 1991 with the loss of 125 jobs.

Neil Johnson, chief executive of Derwentside District Council, based in Consett, telephoned the Treasury to alert them to the Chancellor's latest gaffe. Mr Johnson said: "Wasn't he the Minister who went on about digging a hole? Mr Clarke was 15 years behind the times with the gaffe about the steelworks. With the nappy factory he was at least in the right decade. Perhaps next week's cock-up will bring him into the future."

Mr Clarke has long trodden the thin political line that divides honesty from the blunder. However, even close Tory colleagues admit he has been straying ever more frequently into the "gaffe zone".

After the Conservatives were humiliated in the 1993 local council elections and Newbury by-election, he further eroded Tory MPs' morale by saying the Government was "in a dreadful hole". When Education Secretary, he described some teachers as "cranks" and upset readers of the *Daily Mirror* by dismissing them as "morons".

While Home Secretary, he was ridiculed by Labour MPs during the Commons consideration of the Maastricht treaty when he admitted that he had not read the treaty.

CHRIS HARRIS



Kenneth Clarke after the Cabinet meeting yesterday

Major fights for feel-good factor

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support among Tory MPs yesterday. But his sentiments are shared by some on the Right, particularly outside Parliament, who think that the party will rediscover a sense of mission only in opposition.

Lady Thatcher was said not to be among them. One of her close associates said last night: "It is one of those fatuous views. It's just bizarre. It's like saying I hope we lose all the Test matches this summer so we can win them all next summer. We want the longest possible period of Conservative rule. Alistair [Lord McAlpine] is only showing his frustration at the way the Government is behaving."

Mr Clarke's candid admission that it could be two years before people felt more secure was an even more damaging development in the eyes of most Conservative MPs.

Some ministers said that he had again been too frank for his own good; others were angry that the Chancellor had clumsily undermined attempts by fellow Cabinet ministers and Mr Major to raise hopes that the recovery would soon be felt.

Mr Clarke declined to retract his forecast yesterday. He said: "The figures were good yesterday. Unemployment is down again. Retail sales were up again, and I say what I usually say, which is that this has all got to go on for a long time before we all start to get the benefits of it."

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Legal aid franchise firms get pay boost

BY FRANCES GIBB
LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, last night announced new pay rates for legal aid lawyers that for the first time reward firms "franchised" by the Legal Aid Board.

There will be an across-the-board increase for criminal work of 1.5 per cent, and franchised firms that have met quality standards will receive an extra 1.5 per cent.

At the same time, the 1,000 franchised firms will also receive an extra 2 per cent for legal aid advice work (green form) in the areas of work where they hold a franchise.

The differential pay rises come at a time of criticism, most recently by the National Audit Office, over the £1 billion-a-year legal aid scheme and lack of controls on the spending of legal aid funds. They foreshadow the Lord Chancellor's plans to move to a system of awarding block contracts for franchised firms to undertake legal aid work.

Lord Mackay said there had been "a number of well-publicised incidents in which the commitment of some firms to the correct and efficient running of the green form scheme has been called into question." As franchised firms had displayed "a proven commitment to legal aid", he said he was providing them with a further uplift.

Pay rates for solicitors on duty schemes in police stations and barristers working in the Crown Court increase by 2 per cent. Civil legal aid rates of pay are not to be increased.

Lord Mackay said he was keen to encourage legal aid work of good quality. The Legal Aid Board's franchising initiative provided evidence that work done in a particular field "is of a predetermined quality".

Among the factors he said he had taken into account were the time and skill the work required, the general level of expenses attributable to legal aid work, fee income arising from legal aid work, and the number and competence of solicitors doing it.

He also announced a rise in line with inflation of 1.8 per cent on the qualifying income limits for legal aid.

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Ferry firm on brink of collapse

BY JONATHAN PRYNN
TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

MERIDIAN Ferries, the company at the centre of a dispute with French sailors over its low-paid crew, is expected to call in the receivers today.

The company's business has dropped severely since the start of the dispute, which saw riots at French ports, and is £1.5 million in debt. Rescue hopes were fading last night, despite last-ditch talks with French officials in Boulogne.

"It's looking like the end," one Meridian manager said. "The yobs have won."

The ferries *Spirit of Boulogne* and *Spirit of Independence* remained impounded in France yesterday by Boulogne Chamber of Commerce, which is claiming £750,000 in unpaid harbour fees. Meridian says it owes £180,000.

Efforts to find a buyer for the company have failed and the 50 staff are expected to be out of work by this evening.

The Folkestone company has lost about £700,000 revenue during the two-month dispute, over the use of low-paid Polish crews instead of European Union seamen, and its weekly loads have shrunk from 800 lorries per ship to about 350.

Managers blamed the British and French governments for not supporting the company. Kevin Root, a director, criticised Michael Howard, Home Secretary, who is the local MP. "If Michael Howard had stood up and been counted we would not be in this position," he said.

Factory is fined over child labour

BY KATE ALDERSON

A FACTORY that employed nine children in conditions where they risked electrocution working among bare wires has been fined £16,500.

Health and safety inspectors found children as young as 13 working for the Independent Packaging Company in Leek, Staffordshire, and said that the case could be "the tip of the iceberg." The children worked part-time until as late as 10pm and at weekends. Most were illegally employed on a piece-work basis packing bags with toys and sweets but some worked with dangerous equipment.

Magistrates at Leek fined the company £16,500 plus costs after it admitted eight charges brought by the Health and Safety Executive. The owners were prosecuted for one specimen charge of illegally employing a child: allowing an untrained teenager to drive a fork-lift truck: failure to fence off dangerous cutting equipment, and having a hole in the factory floor.

Stephen Flanagan, a factory inspector for the HSE, said: "Even if children were not working in this factory I would describe the conditions as dangerous for adults.

"The clamp on the unguarded guillotine was capable of inflicting a crushing blow and there was a clear risk of amputation from the blade. Children ran a real risk of electrocution from exposed wires." He added: "Statistics show that this case could be the tip of the iceberg."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Employers backed by Lords in union case

The House of Lords yesterday rejected an Appeal Court decision that had supported employees' rights not to be penalised for belonging to a trade union.

Five law lords held in two test cases, involving journalists at the *Daily Mail* and Southampton docks workers employed by Associated British Ports, that the withholding of pay rises from employees who refused to sign individual personal contracts giving up their union-based negotiating rights did not amount to unlawful action aimed at preventing or deterring them from being union members, or penalising them for their membership.

Grobbelaar trains

Bruce Grobbelaar and Hans Segers, two of the Premiership footballers freed on police bail during investigations into match fixing, went back to training yesterday. John Hoddinott, Chief Constable of Hampshire, whose force also arrested John Fashanu and two others, said there were no plans for further arrests. Return to action, page 40

Welland's tax reprieve

The Oscar-winning scriptwriter and actor Colin Welland escaped bankruptcy proceedings in the High Court yesterday after receiving a demand from the Inland Revenue for nearly £100,000. The High Court dismissed a petition against Mr Welland, author of *Chariots of Fire*, after he made a last-minute agreement to repay the tax.

Beattie freed on parole

A man jailed 22 years ago for a murder he has always denied was freed on parole yesterday. George Beattie, right, was 19 when he was convicted of stabbing Margaret McLaughlin, 23, to death in Carluke, Strathclyde. He has been the subject of two BBC *Rough Justice* programmes but lost an appeal against conviction four months ago. He has been freed before on licence.



New evidence delays Iraqi arms report

BY NIGEL WILLIAMSON, WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

MINISTERS and officials criticised in early drafts of Lord Justice Scott's report into the "arms for Iraq" affair have submitted fresh evidence to try to soften the case against them and their departments in the final report.

Although no one outside Sir Richard Scott's inner circle has seen a complete draft of his report, sections critical of named individuals have been sent to those concerned. Ministers and civil servants named in the report were invited to respond to the criticisms before publication, and "have done so with vigour", according to one source.

Lord Justice Scott had hoped to publish his report in April. The further evidence is believed to be the main reason for its delay until at least June.

It was reported yesterday that Customs and Excise officials, unhappy with the draft of the section about their handling of the Matrix Churchill prosecution, feared they would be made scapegoats. However, a source who has seen some sections of the report said yesterday: "They should be reassured that they will be far from the only ones to come under fire".

Sir Nicholas Lyell, the Attorney-General, who will be criticised for authorising public interest immunity certificates — "gagging orders" — to suppress evidence crucial to Matrix Churchill's defence, is said to be unhappy about sections of the report. Peter Lilley, then Secretary of State at the Trade and Industry Department, which issued the export licence, and who also signed gagging orders, is also known to have responded angrily to the draft.

Police buy firearms from underworld to cut armed offences

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

GUNS are now so common in the West of Scotland that police have been given permission to buy the weapons to take them out of commission, the Chief Constable of Strathclyde said yesterday.

Leslie Sharp said criminals in Glasgow could hire firearms for as little as £50 a day and discounts were available if they were returned unfired. If his officers could make an arrest, they would, but getting the guns out of circulation was the priority. He refused to say how much the force had spent but in the last year it has recovered 790 guns. Some had come from the Gulf War.

Gun racketeers will offer criminals a discount of 30 per cent if the gun is not used and thus has no forensic history.

Although crime in the region has fallen by 5 per cent overall, violent crime is up and crimes involving firearms are up by 67 per cent. About 85 per cent of all the armed robberies in Scotland take place in Strathclyde, with nearly one a day at present. As a result police in the area are carrying guns more often.

Mr Sharp said: "The frequency with which firearms are being authorised means that we are creeping towards an armed police force."

He said armed patrol vehicles no longer carried their weapons in a locked box in the boot but in the front of the car so that police could respond more quickly. In certain instances officers were now "self-authorising".

Speaking at the launch of the force's annual report for 1994, Mr Sharp said 3,400 firearms had been recovered since the beginning of 1992 when Operation Spur was launched. These include four Kalashnikov assault rifles and a Sten MK2 sub-machine gun.

He said many crimes were committed with replica guns and so-called "de-activated" guns which did not need a licence. "There is now a cottage industry in Strathclyde which can reactivate a gun in 30 minutes and turn it into a lethal weapon. Legislation should be introduced to control these guns."

Mr Sharp said that because of measures taken by banks and building societies, fewer suffered armed robberies. He believed armed criminals had moved to softer targets such as petrol stations and shops.

Speaking of violence in Paisley, where there were five gun-related incidents in 48 hours earlier this week and one man was shot dead, Mr Sharp said there was no shoot-to-kill policy as such. But he added: "Our officers trained to use firearms are taught to use them to stop criminals, they are not taught to maim or shoot them in the leg."

He said the police were closing in for a final swoop in Paisley and he indicated that territorial fights by drug dealers were the cause of the trouble. "Drugs now permeate every aspect of crime. If you lock up one dealer, five more come in to take over his territory."

Mr Sharp said it was important to point out that violent crime touched the lives of very few people. Crime in total was now running at around 1984 levels in Strathclyde and the crimes which affected most people, house breaking and theft, were significantly down.

He said a high-publicity campaign against drugs, involving stopping and searching and roadblocks, would soon be launched.

Forces' weapons worn and broken

MANY police guns checked in a Home Office survey were found to be worn, broken and in need of replacement. Others were over-oiled or had not been cleaned before storage (Stewart Tendler writes).

The survey of 15 provincial forces, conducted for the Inspectorate of Constabulary, found that a "gun culture" was developing among police. There were problems, however, with decisions on the issue of guns and senior officers had little idea of the work of marksmen.

A "significant" number of forces needed new guns. In one force the headsets for a special network of radio used by marksmen had become defective and not been repaired. Another held a stock of special grenades used to distract gunmen but had no policy on how to use them.

The report suggested that weapons training lacked flair and imagination because instructors had been long-serving. All forces reached minimum levels of marksmanship but some had not yet reached national standards for rapid intervention and hostage rescue.

The survey also found that many officers patrolled alone with little chance of swift support if they came under attack. Some would have to wait up to 30 minutes for assistance.

DENZIL McNEELANCE



Jerome Arnouf, a student at the Royal Academy, gives way to the musical computer

Computer lends hand for tough piano concert

BY DALYA ALBERGE, ARTS CORRESPONDENT

TWO piano pieces by an avant-garde Hungarian composer are so difficult to perform that a computer is having to stand in for the pianist at a concert tonight.

Few pianists can read György Ligeti's intricate score with its spidery notation, let alone display the stamina required and keep their fingers untangled during the more difficult passages.

To play the études by Ligeti, who wrote some of the music for the film *2001: A Space Odyssey*, a piano is connected to a computer sitting on the piano stool. Dressed for the occasion in a bow tie, it will play the keys and pedals in a state-of-the-art variation of the pianola at the tenth International Composers Festival at the Royal Academy of Music in London.

The computer reads the score and sends the information into an electrical digital box attached to the standard Yamaha piano and electric motors depress the keys.

Paul Patterson, head of composition at the Royal Academy, said: "In a way, this piece is difficult only in that it's very fast with very complicated chord patterns. The fingers don't fall into normal patterns as they do in Mozart. They're all over the piano. And it's physically demanding as it starts about as loud as you can go. That's like five rounds with Frank Tyson or a boxer lashing out in all directions. And you're expected to play the right notes as well."

Professor Patterson added: "There are no melodies. It's very fast and textural, like a swarm of bees buzzing. It's like a kaleidoscope of colours."

He said that when they contacted the composer to break the news to him, they were "terribly nervous". "But he heard it performed and thought the computer was fantastic." In fact he was so impressed he asked for brochures about the system.

The computer is a Sibelius 7, named after the Finnish composer. It is so sophisticated that it could make a piano perform dazzling feats far beyond the reach of any human hands. It even dispenses with the need for a page-turner: each manuscript sheet is displayed as the computer plays it, moving on automatically to the next page.

The pianist Alfred Brendel said: "You need three or five hands to play Ligeti. But it's worth the trouble." He said Ligeti pieces were not playable at short notice. "They are only playable by some talented wizard. They need a great deal of expertise." But he recommended the effort, saying that Ligeti wrote some of the best contemporary works for the keyboard. "I have inspired some young pianists to try them. I say, 'If you are feeling heroic . . .'"

Judge condemns neighbours' feud

BY BILL EROST

A FEUD between an unemployed double-glazing salesman and his elderly neighbours has been halted by a judge who said it had shaken his faith in human nature.

Skirmishing began two-and-a-half years ago with an altercation over a broken fence. Peace was restored to the cul-de-sac in the Devon resort of Westward Ho! only after an 11-day hearing at Barnstaple County Court. Judge Turner said the feud was "the most wretched and miserable" neighbours' dispute he had ever heard.

The court had been told that Clark Fox, 33, and his wife Lorraine, 31, had moved to the resort in September 1992. Within hours, words had been exchanged with Roy Swainston and his wife Eileen, who lived next door over litter on a driveway. Mr Fox subsequently "daubed offensive graffiti on his garage wall, which backs on to the Swainstons' property," said James Townsend, representing the elderly couple. Mr Fox told Mr Swainston, 71, in "very abusive" terms to remove his nesting boxes from the wall.

The feud gathered pace, with Mr Fox allegedly siphoning off the contents of the Swainstons' water butt, claiming it was a health hazard; breaking down the fence between the bungalows and letting his dogs "run wild" in the pensioners' garden.

In 1993, police were called after Mr Swainston complained about the newcomers' radio. Mr Fox was subsequently convicted of a breach of the peace.

Mr Swainston kept a diary detailing each engagement in what the judge described as the neighbours' war of attrition. By the time the feud came to court he had made nearly 1,000 entries.

The Swainstons decided on a civil action for damages. The Foxes issued a counter-claim for damages, claiming their neighbours' "spying" had ruined their lives and that their car had been damaged.

The judge upheld most of the Swainstons' case and awarded them £4,000 damages. The Foxes were also ordered to pay the bulk of their neighbours' legal costs, estimated at £23,000. But he said Mr Swainston was "patriarchal and strong minded" and awarded the Foxes £500 in damages for his "spying". The Foxes said later that they intended to move.

Car driver tells of fatal bus crash

BY KATHRYN KNIGHT

A MOTORIST told a court yesterday how he desperately tried to prevent a double-decker bus hitting a low bridge.

Three guides and two of their leaders were killed and fifteen others injured when the bus hit a railway bridge in Glasgow last September.

Gary Shaw, 34, told Glasgow Sheriff Court that he chased after the bus, flashing his lights, when he realised that it was heading for a collision.

"I knew it would not get under the bridge and I tried to stop it. I could tell the driver did not know where he was going." He then heard what he thought was an explosion as the bus hit the bridge. "The whole of its roof dropped off on to the ground."

John Healy, 48, who tried to help the injured, said that the top deck of the bus was "a scene of carnage".

The bus driver, Campbell Devlin, 30, from Cathcart, Glasgow, denies dangerous driving and causing the five deaths. He also denies driving the bus while the recording equipment was defective, and failing to observe signs warning of the bridge.

The trial continues.

New Age travellers hatched suicide pact after squabble

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

A BRIGHT but naive young woman from a middle-class home who fell under the spell of a drug-addict formed a suicide pact with him when they fell out with other New Age travellers, an inquest was told yesterday.

By the time Sophie Holmes, 19, died from a deliberate overdose, she and her domineering boyfriend, Chris Austin, 27, each had a £50-a-day habit. The story of her death from a cocktail of heroin, methadone and trichlorocetic acid was told by her mother Christine Holmes, a primary school teacher.

Mrs Holmes begged Sophie to abandon her lifestyle and return home but she was unable to leave Mr Austin. Mrs Holmes told the hearing at Winchester that her daughter met him while she was a student at the London College of Printing.

She said: "After her course finished in the summer of 1993 they began living together in a field near Winchester. Her health deteriorated and I was very concerned. She lost weight and became quite thin and pale. I asked her if she was taking drugs and she told me she wasn't." She felt very frustrated about their housing situation but could not see a way out."

Karen Sethsmith, a traveller, told the inquest: "The last time I saw them Sophie was crying because Chris had been in a fight with one of the other travellers. He had bruises on his face. Sophie asked me if I thought half a gramme of heroin and a bottle of whisky would be enough for an overdose. Later Chris asked me the same question and when they left Sophie cuddled me and said goodbye."

Miss Holmes was found dead but her boyfriend refused to allow paramedics into the lorry and police had to break into the vehicle where hand-written notes from each were found. Chris was taken to hospital where he was at one stage found injecting himself in a lavatory.

He was taken to North Walls police station in Winchester on August 14 last year. On arrival he was examined by a police surgeon and marked down as a suicide risk. He slept and at 9am was given breakfast but minutes later was found dead.

Dr Alexander Forrest, a forensic toxicologist, said: "He was like a walking dead man. The mass of drug in his stomach would have suddenly started working and he would have died rapidly. The likely trigger was the breakfast."

A jury, sitting because Chris Austin died in custody, returned a verdict of suicide on his death. Grahame Short, the Mid-Hampshire coroner, also recorded a verdict of suicide on Miss Holmes. He said: "It was essentially a suicide pact and I am satisfied she took the drugs with the intention of taking her own life."

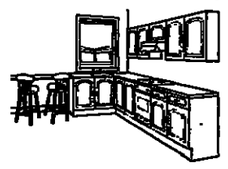
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Food refused to thwart parents

Children under five develop anorexia

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

AN INFANT version of anorexia is affecting children under five. They are failing to grow normally because they refuse to eat as a way of rebelling against parents.

One child in 20 is failing to thrive because of problems with eating that have no medical cause, according to studies by Bath University. In the worst cases the children have to be drip-fed in hospital.

A report launched by the charity The Children's Society yesterday estimates that 185,000 children in Britain are malnourished because of food refusal but a third of cases go unidentified by doctors and social workers. "If left untreated, failure to thrive can lead to restricted growth and mental development. In extreme cases it can be fatal," the report says.

Di Hampton, author of the report, said many parents were driven to despair, offering the child snacks and titbits through the day or forcing food into their mouths until they gag.

"Almost all families will experience feeding difficulties with their children at some point. They are resolved readily with advice from granny, a neighbour or a health visitor. The children I'm talking about are those for whom the advice doesn't work. It is not just a case of a child refusing to eat supper last night — it is a continuing refusal to eat."

Ms Hampton, who runs The Children's Society's infant support project in Swindon, Wiltshire, the only unit in Britain helping families with eating problems, said: "Parents have usually exhausted their repertoire of tactics by the time they get to us. Mealtimes have become full of stress, anger and tension. The first message to them is: relax."

Ms Hampton said there was increasing discussion among doctors and social workers about the links between adolescent anorexia and infant failure to thrive.

Children as young as seven have been treated for anorexia at Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children in London. Jane Batchelor, lecturer in social work at Bath University, who carried out the studies, said failure to thrive and anorexia could both be linked with the parents' attitude to food and eating. "Food refusal has an emotional point. It is a problem for the whole family," she said.

The Infant Support Project, set up by The Children's Society four years ago, has counselled 300 families with a successful outcome for all those who completed treatment that varied from a few weeks to several months.

Small changes such as eating with the child, moving the high chair so the parent and child are not facing eyeball to eyeball, and allowing the child to feed itself can help to break the pattern of food refusal.

FIONA HANSON



Martyn and Karen Newell yesterday. He said they loved their unplanned child

Damages after vasectomy fails

A COUPLE who had a baby six years after the husband had a vasectomy won a claim in the High Court for damages against a surgeon yesterday for failing to give warning that it might not work.

Mr Justice Mantell awarded Martyn Newell, 37, and his wife Karen, 34, who already had two children, £500 for anxiety and distress over the unexpected birth of their son Charley in 1992. He dismissed their claim for damages of £69,000 for the child's upkeep, an extension at their home in Edenbridge, Kent, and loss of earnings. The judge ruled that they would not have taken further precautions even if they had been warned.

The couple had rejected an out-of-court settlement offer of £10,000, and their £500 damages will be clawed back by the Legal Aid Fund. Dr Solomon Goldenberg, of Wandsworth, admitted failing to give warning of the risk.

Cigarette firms face new cancer evidence

BY NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

A GENETIC mutation caused by smoking has provided the long-suspected link between cigarettes and cancer. The discovery may lead to evidence that could be used by smokers in lawsuits against tobacco companies.

The finding by American scientists could make it possible to identify smoking as the specific cause of some people's cancers, which hitherto has had to be inferred.

A team from Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, studied patients with cancer of the mouth, pharynx and larynx. They found that mutations in a gene called p53 were twice as common in those who smoked and more than three times as common in those who smoked and drank than in those who did neither.

The results show that tobacco-smoking damages the p53 gene in specific ways and that drinking may augment the effect by increasing the frequency of mutations. Non-smokers suffered from different p53 mutations, which means the smoking mutation may serve as evidence that cigarettes were the cause of any individual's cancer, Dr Stephen Goodman says.

The p53 gene normally offers protection against cancer. When damaged, the loss of the protective effect allows cells to evolve that can grow more rapidly than normal cells, eventually leading to cancer, the team reports in *The New England Journal of Medicine*.

The link between smoking and this type of cancer is not new but until now has been based on epidemiological evidence. The team, led by Dr David Sidransky, examined 129 patients with cancers of head and neck and searched for the gene mutations in tumour samples from them.

☐ A study of 600 smokers found they were fully aware of, and even overestimated, the risk of developing cancer. The Economic and Social Research Council says its report suggests that anti-smoking campaigns centred on the risk are a waste of time.

Operations 'should be done by nurses'

Nurses should take the place of surgeons and perform operations on NHS patients, *The Lancet* says in a leading article. There was no reason why trained and supervised nurses should not take over some routine surgical work done by junior doctors and they would probably do it better. The NHS needed fewer fully trained surgeons.

Most theatre nurses "have vastly more experience of instruments, operations, and operating techniques than medical students and most junior surgical trainees".

Survey funds

The Wellcome Trust is to spend £50 million on population studies over the next five years. The money may be used for surveys of sexual behaviour and lifestyle, where the research charity says much is still not known. It will consider funding "well-argued proposals" across the field.

Remedy recalled

A dozen batches of an impotence remedy have been recalled over fears that they could be contaminated with stainless steel particles. The pharmaceutical company Upjohn recalled the Caverject powder after particles were found in another product not available in Britain.

'Stone baby' case

A woman who died at 92 had been carrying a dead baby — long since calcified — in her uterus for 60 years, two doctors at the University of Vienna have reported. In a letter to *The Lancet*, they say that radiography of the woman "showed a stone child" that had died at 31 weeks.

Village vaccine

Hundreds of Scottish villagers are to be vaccinated against the Hepatitis A virus after the contamination of the local water supply with sewage. About half of the 1,200 inhabitants of the village of Freuchie in Fife suffered vomiting and diarrhoea as a result of the poisoning.



MEDICAL BRIEFING

The dilemma of premature birth

Doctors looking after Girl B, the patient being treated for acute myloid leukaemia despite having only a very small chance of survival, worry that their treatment might hasten her end.

Conversely, at the Central Middlesex Hospital, where Jacqueline May Watson died 23 weeks after conception, doctors recommended against neo-natal treatment as it might have kept her alive, albeit in an irretrievably damaged state. There is little hard evidence about the long-term effects of surviving extreme immaturity. Although the chances of survival itself are well-recorded, the minor, or subtle changes in speech, intellectual performance, behaviour and physical co-ordination are often less charted.

If they are known, they are unlikely to be related to details of the patient's delivery, neo-natal history and later nourishment.

That Watson family seem to have had scant emotional support during a stressful time. The hospital used the well-tried medical euphemism and said that the situation "might have been handled better".

Doctors are aware from the available statistics that a baby delivered in the 23rd week is unlikely to survive and, if she survives, is unlikely to escape severe mental and physical damage.

The choice of what is to be done after a confinement apparently early in pregancy has to be a combined decision. Dr John Fysh, a consultant paediatrician at the Portland Hospital for Women and Children, London, and formerly a lecturer in neo-natal medicine at King's College Hospital, London, said: "The nature and the extent of treatment offered to a very premature child has to be a decision made between the doctors, both the paediatricians and the obstetricians, and the parents. Any plan of action they discuss should, preferably, be decided before delivery.

"The parents may well want to involve their spiritual advisers as well. The doctors are there to help the patients in every way. Few doctors would refuse a parent's wish even when they thought that their decision was a sensible one."

Dr Fysh said that most paediatricians regarded 24 weeks of pregnancy as a cut-off point. Before that, the chance of survival without the likelihood of physical and mental handicap too gross to allow the child to lead a normal life later was fairly small. Unfortunately, there was no way of predicting with certainty which very few tiny babies would do well. And he estimated that even 40 per cent of those delivered under the 26th week would suffer from cerebral haemorrhage and later spasticity, blindness from retinal disease, deafness and mental retardation.

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

The tragedy is that very immature neo-natal babies suffer brain damage akin to that of a stroke, and a stroke in the cot is every bit as damaging as one in the geriatric ward, the essential difference being that the handicaps caused by it have to be borne for up to 80 years.

The relative ignorance in the pattern of a child's life after delivery is being investigated by an Anglo-American study in Avon in which 14,000 children are now being followed. At present they are 2½ years old and their abilities as regards speech, sight, hearing, mental, dental and general physical development, as well as psychological background, are being related to their delivery, diet and home background.

This international survey may finally enable doctors to answer the distraught parent's question: "What chance has my child of surviving, and if she survives of having a happy and full life?"

'A classic case for parliamentary investigation'

Lords criticise law on age of criminal knowledge

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE House of Lords called on Parliament yesterday to reform the "serious shortcomings" of the law that children under the age of 14 cannot be convicted of a crime unless they are proved to know right from wrong. In a test ruling that will lead to fresh debate on the age of criminal responsibility, five law lords said the present law gave rise to anomalies and absurdities.

Lord Lowry, giving the lead opinion, said: "This is a classic case for parliamentary investigation, deliberation and legislation. I believe that the time has come to examine further a doctrine which appears to have been inconsistently applied and which is certainly capable of producing inconsistent results."

The law lords upheld the presumption that children between the ages of 10 and 14 are incapable of committing a crime unless it is proved that they know what they are doing is morally or legally wrong.

The principle was last highlighted by the James Bulger murder trial in which two boys, then aged 10, were convicted of murdering the two-year-old.

Lord Lowry said yesterday it had been argued that "the presumption is an outmoded survival from an age in which criminal guilt was inevitably followed by ferocious retribution". He added: "But while times have greatly changed since the days when children of 8 and 10 were hanged for offences much less heinous than murder, it should be observed that the purpose and effect of the presumption is still to protect children between 10 and 14 from the full force of the criminal law."

Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle questioned whether a "blanket presumption" was the best way to protect children who did not know they were doing wrong from the criminal law. There must be many offenders under 14 who were "very well aware" that what they were doing was seriously wrong.

The law lords' comments came in an appeal by a Merseyside boy, referred to as C, against his conviction by Liverpool magistrates in September 1992 for interfering with a motorcycle with the intention to commit theft.

The boy appealed unsuccessfully to the divisional court against the conviction last year. However, the court judges, Lord Justice Mann and Mr Justice Laws, took the opportunity to remove what they described as an "utterly outrageous" and "outdated" commmon law principle which for decades had protected children from punishment for their crimes. They said the common law principle should no longer be part of the law of England.

Yesterday the law lords overturned their ruling. They said the presumption was still part of the common law, even though the time was ripe to review it.

Lord Lowry, however, praised the High Court judges for their "bold and imaginative judgment" which had drawn attention to the "serious shortcomings in an important area of our criminal law".

They allowed the boy's appeal on the grounds that in his case the prosecution had not met the burden of proof and had failed to provide "clear and positive evidence" that he knew what he was doing was wrong.

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Justice experts back call for review of legislation

BY OUR LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE age of criminal responsibility is likely to be examined by the Home Office after yesterday's test ruling, with Britain out of line with much of the rest of Europe.

The minimum age at which a child can face prosecution is in England and Wales is 10; in Scotland it is 8. In France, a child under 13 cannot be held criminally responsible, although children aged 10 and above can be brought before a civil court and be detained in a young offender's institution. In most of the United States, the age of criminal responsibility is 18.

In his judgment yesterday Lord Lowry said other systems should be studied. One solution would be to abolish the presumption that a child between 10 and 14 was incapable of committing a crime, and to raise or lower the age of criminal responsibility. But that would expose children "to the full criminal process at an earlier age than in most of Western Europe", he said. An alternative might be to give a Youth Court exclusive jurisdiction (except in family matters) over children up to 14 or 16. Civil remedies could be applied for anti-social behaviour by children under 10 or 12 years, with civil and punitive remedies above that age.

Paul Cavadino, of the Penal Affairs Consortium, which covers 20 bodies, including those representing probation officers and prison officers and governors, said it would be undesirable to abolish the presumption about children aged between 10 and 14 unless there was also a "raising of this country's unusually low age of criminal responsibility. Many foreign commentators are amazed that children of this age are dealt with by an adult-style Crown Court criminal trial." Sir John Smith, Emeritus Professor of Law at Nottingham University, said the law was "outdated".

VARYING AGE OF RESPONSIBILITY

Country	Age of criminal responsibility	Country	Age of criminal responsibility
Andorra	18	Luxembourg	18
Austria	14	Malta	9
Belgium	18	Netherlands	12
Bulgaria	14	Norway	15
Cyprus	7	Poland	18
Czech Republic	15	Portugal	16
Denmark	15	Romania	14
Estonia	15	San Marino	12
Finland	15	Slovakia	15
France	13	Slovenia	14
Germany	14	Spain	16
Greece	12	Sweden	15
Hungary	14	Switzerland	7
Iceland	15	Turkey	12
Ireland	7	United Kingdom:	
Italy	14	England	10
Latvia	14	Wales	10
Liechtenstein	7	Scotland	8
Lithuania	14	Northern Ireland	8

In many countries there is a difference between the age of criminal responsibility and the age at which a child may be detained for a serious offence.

Breeders at Cruft's support docking of tails

BY EMMA WILKINS

BREEDERS of show dogs admitted yesterday that they seek out vets prepared to dock their animals' tails in the quest for prizes at Cruft's.

As the 104th dog show opened at the NEC in Birmingham, owners and judges defended the practice, which is regarded as unjustified mutilation by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons. A code of conduct issued by the RCVS two years ago bars vets from docking tails for cosmetic reasons.

This year is the first time that puppies, which could have been protected by the rules, can be shown at Cruft's. But in the puppy section of the English springer spaniel class, which was judged yesterday, none of the entries had its tail intact.

Tom Bury, 54, whose wife Dorothy owns the winning puppy, Lyndora Game Boy, said he had travelled 30 miles from his home in Chorley, Lancashire, to find a vet prepared to dock the animal's tail.

The practice is still allowed by the RCVS for working dogs that might injure their tails in rough cover, or where the tail is already broken, but about 5 per cent of vets are still docking tails solely for cosmetic reasons. The RCVS issued its rules after government legislation in 1993, which made it illegal for anyone other than a vet to dock tails.

Mr Bury said: "I didn't give a reason to the vet as to why I wanted the tail docked. Obviously he's leaving himself open to the RCVS code.

"A lot of vets are frightened of being disciplined and are not prepared to dock, but there are some who will do it," he added.

Mr Bury, who has judged and bred English springer spaniels for 23 years, said dogs with docked tails were more likely to win prizes. "If I were judging two dogs which were equal in all other respects, but one had a tail intact, I would probably go for the one with the docked tail," he said. Docking did not hurt. "It's traditional to dock the tail. The tissue at the end of a spaniel's tail is very weak and damages easily."

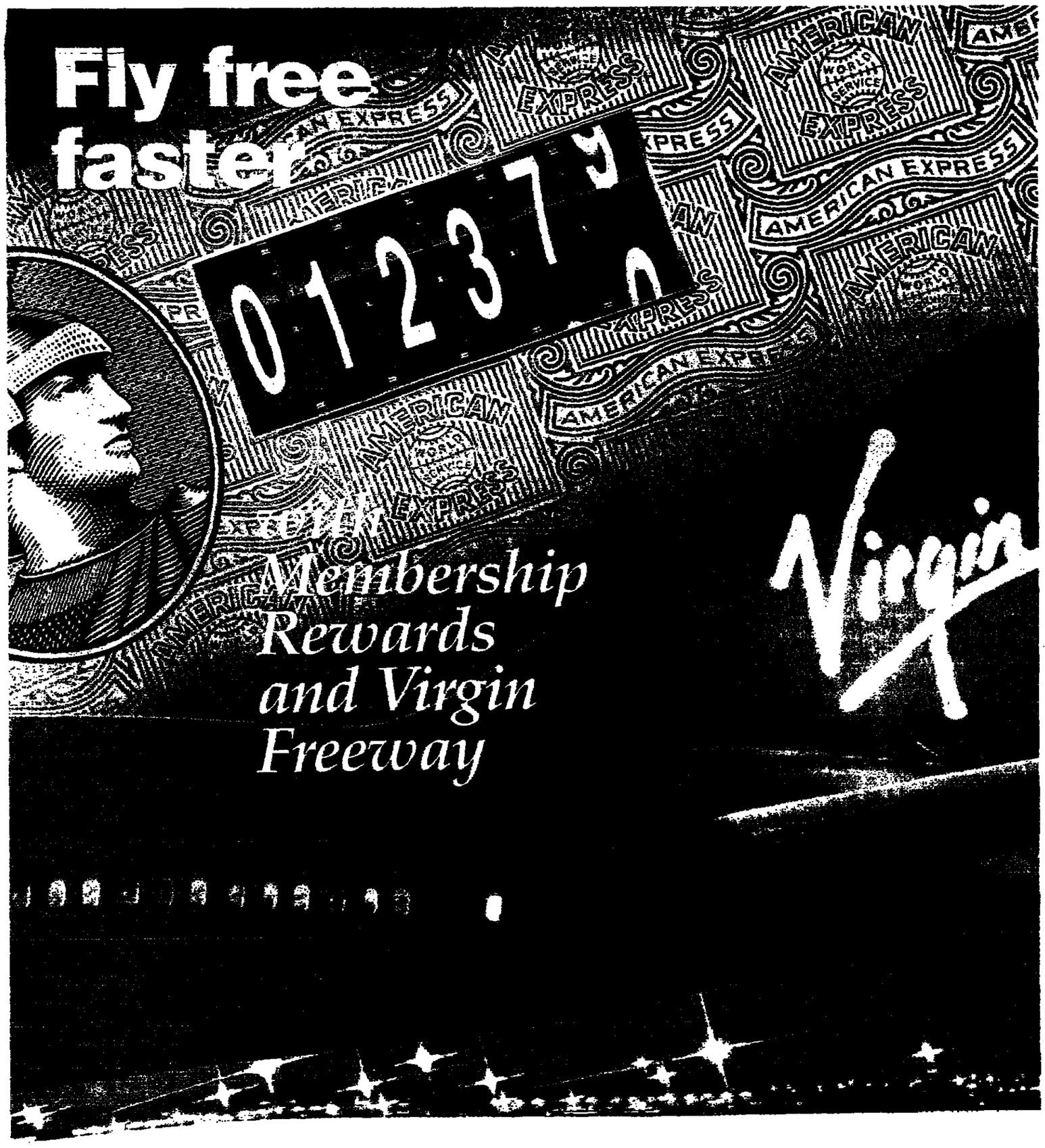
Geoffrey Nicholls, who was judging the English springer spaniel class, said he preferred the tail removed but believed that docking would eventually die out. "People who are coming into the game now will get used to dogs with tails."

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TONY WHITE



Two-legged friend: Gino, an Italian spinone, waits with a companion at the NEC



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International bishops' conference

Homosexuals are made in God's image, says Carey

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

LEADERS of the 70 million-strong worldwide Anglican Communion accepted yesterday that homosexuals in stable relationships could live lives of "genuine Christian character" despite being at variance with Christian moral tradition.

Thirty-six bishops and archbishops agreed to re-examine their stance on homosexuality and spoke of "serious questions relating to human sexuality" being faced by the Church. The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, said homosexuals were people made "in the image and likeness of God".

In a pastoral letter published after a week-long meeting at Windsor, the church leaders said that a "careful process" of reflection was needed. The issue is expected to be hotly debated at the 1998 Lambeth Conference, the ten-yearly international gathering of Anglican leaders.

In an early sign of the tone of the debate to come, Colin Hart, director of the Christian Institute, a research body, called on the archbishops "to dismiss all clergy who are practising homosexuals and for bishops who are unable to uphold the plain teaching of the Bible to be disciplined".

Although individual churches, such as the Church of England, have published reports on sexuality, the pastoral letter marked the furthest that international church leaders have gone towards conceding the need for change.

Their statement follows a week of unprecedented pressure on church leaders when the Bishop of London, Dr David Hope, accused the gay rights group OutRage! of intimidatory tactics in its attempt to force him to "out" himself. Dr Hope said he was celibate, conceded that his sexuality was ambiguous but did not say that he was gay.

The traditional Anglican response to such pressures is to affirm the Christian moral precepts as set out in the Bible, where homosexuality is described as an abomination. But in their pastoral letter, the 36 primates said: "We are conscious that, within the Church itself, there are those whose pattern of sexual expression is at variance with the received Christian moral tradition, but whose lives in other respects demonstrate the marks of genuine Christian character."

They said: "The issues are deep and complex. They do not always admit of easy answers." The leaders called on "every part of the Church to face the questions about sexu-



Carey: gays "made in image of God"

ality with honesty and integrity, avoiding unnecessary confrontation and polarisation."

At a press conference at Cumberland Lodge in Windsor Great Park, Dr Carey said: "We reject homophobia in any form. Homosexuals must be treated as people made in the image and likeness of God." The questions must be analysed in a way that took account of human experience as well as Bible teaching.

"When I refer to the image and likeness of God, I am talking about their value as people. It is not making any implicit statement about whether sexuality is implanted by God at the particular moment in their creation." He said further scientific work on the issue of homosexuality needed to be done.

Archbishop Keith Rayner of Australia said: "A clear Christian tradition rooted in the Bible has come down to us through the moral theology of the Church about Christian sexuality and its expression.

"Yet we are finding there are people whose lives show all the marks of Christian character and yet in some way are not conforming to those patterns."

He said that scientific study and human experience had to be taken into account, "just as the Church has had to modify its views on marriage and divorce in the light of human experience".

Archbishop Edmond Browning from America said: "Before we can wrestle with the issue of practising homosexuals, we have to wrestle with the issue of same-sex unions."

Arguing in effect for the Church to recognise same-sex relationships, Archbishop Browning said: "I have a feeling that if that issue could be addressed, and we could look at that sincerely in terms of two people who have committed themselves to a life-term commitment, that would say something about how we saw that lifestyle and about the holiness of that lifestyle."

☐ Dr Hope's legal adviser has written to OutRage! asking for the details about the bishop's personal life that the group claims to possess. David Faull also wants the identity of the church administrative workers who allegedly passed on the information.

Peter Tatchell of OutRage! said he would not give the information. "I originally wrote a private and confidential letter. This attempt to browbeat us with the law shows that the Church is running scared about possible further revelations."

Mr Faull said he could not force Mr Tatchell to disclose his sources but people making such statements should support their claims.

KIPPA MATTHEWS



The view at Wimpole Hall, near Cambridge, showing the now restored lake and folly, designed and laid out by Capability Brown

National Trust handed garden secrets on a plate

BY JOHN SHAW

SIX dessert plates from the Hermitage Museum in St Petersburg have helped landscape architects to re-create part of a 200-year-old garden at Wimpole Hall near Cambridge.

The plates were part of a spectacular Wedgwood dinner service made for Catherine the Great, Empress of Russia, in 1774. The 952-piece service showed 1,244 parkland and garden views at English country houses. Those depicting Wimpole illustrated the grounds shortly after they were laid out by Capability Brown, the celebrated landscape gardener. The original drawings have been lost and now the plates provide a unique visual record of the park at the end of the 18th century.

They show a gothic folly, a Chinese bridge, trees and two lakes created by Brown from fishponds. But the lower lake was lost in a storm in the 1930s. The restraining dam burst and the water drained away. It was decided to reinstate the feature as the first phase of a massive project to restore Brown's vision.

The house is owned by the National Trust and the project has become its main scheme in East Anglia during centenary year. Sir Angus Stirling, director-general, was there yesterday to mark completion of the lake. He presented Graham Damant, property manager of Wimpole, with a plaque to mark the opening of a new bridge and part of a new circular walk that leads visitors to the folly.

Sir Angus then embarked on an Edwardian steam-powered boat to enjoy the long-lost view of the grounds from the water. The north park is the most significant surviving portion of Brown's work, and the site is the only Grade I listed park belonging to the trust in East Anglia.

More than £65,000 has been raised to fund the scheme and Sir Angus has appealed for a further £30,000 to continue work on the upper lake and surrounding parkland. Further money-raising efforts include a special concert at King's College Chapel, Cambridge, tomorrow and a sponsored walk this weekend.

David Adshead, historic buildings representative in the region, said: "The plates were very valuable because they are the only near-contemporary topographical views we have of the park Capability Brown landscaped.

"They will become increasingly valuable as we plant trees in the grounds. We have views along the length of the lower lake from East to West and vice-versa, and another view across the north park from the upper lake to the folly and a Chinese bridge."

The dessert service is well known but he said access to it had been "very hard indeed during the Soviet regime". A Russian photographer was granted permission to see it recently and photographed all 1,244 scenes.

Mr Adshead said: "He then brought the pictures as hand baggage on a flight to London. It is the first time we have had a complete photographic record of the service. It is remarkable." The trust used the pictures and wartime RAF reconnaisance photographs of the park "which show marshy reeds growing up so by the time we started work last year it was like a small forest".

Part of Catherine's service will be returning to Britain for the first time in more than 200 years this summer. It will be on show in a special Wedgwood exhibition at the Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington.



One of the Wedgwood plates, used in restoration

Radio fans protest at merger plan

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THE Bishop of Oxford and the Vice-Chancellor of Oxford University are urging the BBC to reconsider the planned merger of Radio Oxford and Radio Berkshire.

In a letter to *The Times* published today, the Right Rev Richard Harries and Peter North say the corporation's proposal is in direct conflict with the BBC's recent commitment to local programming. The letter states: "Oxford is a unique international centre and for the city not to have a local BBC radio station would be remarkable."

The letter is also signed by David Bryer, director of Oxfam, Lord Plumb MEP, Sir Patrick Nairne, former Master of St Catherine's College, Andrew Smith, Labour MP for Oxford East, and David W. Astor, a former chairman of the Council for the Protection of Rural England.

A BBC spokesman said that the terms of the merger were still being discussed by a small working group and that no decision had been taken.

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Mother of Marchioness victim 'told to keep quiet'

BY EDWARD GORMAN

THE mother of one of the victims of the *Marchioness* pleasure boat disaster spoke yesterday of her anguish and distress at finding that her daughter's hands had been cut off in a post-mortem examination.

Linda Ali-Hunt, whose only daughter Julie was among 51 people who died in August 1989 when the *Marchioness* sank after colliding with the dredger *Bowbelle* on the Thames, also disclosed that the police put considerable pressure on her never to raise the issue in public.

Ms Ali-Hunt, 52, a Unilever executive from south London, told the inquest she was denied access to her daughter's body at the funeral parlour because of its state of decomposition.

She then called to ask if she could sit by the body and hold her daughter's hand as a way of saying goodbye. She told Dr John Burton, the coroner, yesterday: "He [the undertaker] then said, 'Least of all that, as there are no hands.' I was totally overcome by this information."

Ms Ali-Hunt raised the matter with police, who put pressure on her not to speak about it in public or at the preliminary inquest. "Their explanation was that I was one of the only mothers who they were speaking to directly, because the others were close to having nervous breakdowns," she said.

Later, police told her she was in danger of "simply destroying many families" if she persisted. Ms Ali-Hunt did not raise the matter until late 1991 when she informed fellow members of the relatives' support group only to discover that others knew about the amputations but had also said nothing.

Mrs Hunt said cutting the hands off victims was a barbaric and unnecessary mutilation which should have no place in a civilised society. "Whether the mutilation of the body was a direct abuse of power or an error of judgment, I do not know," she told the fourth day of the new inquest into the disaster.

"However, I strongly believe that this kind of action must never again be taken in these circumstances. The removal of hands can be described as uncivilised and savagely cruel." Julie Hunt, 26, a model, was among scores of victims whose hands were removed during examinations without requests being made to relatives or information being passed on to them. Under cross-examination by Michael Mansfield, QC, for the families, Dr Richard Shepherd, a Home Office pathologist who carried out 30 post-mortem examinations, said the hands were removed to help in identification and "to facilitate the process through the mortuary".

He said he had carried out some amputations himself but could not remember which. Dr Shepherd added that there was no documentation of the procedure or the people involved. Ms Ali-Hunt, in common with other relatives who gave evidence yesterday, believes she should have been able to identify her daughter's body herself and been given the chance to grieve properly. "Bereaved people are not china dolls," she told the inquest. "They do not need protecting to such an extent."

Sued boy wins crash damages

A BOY sued by the driver of a car that ran over him won £3,500 damages for his injuries yesterday.

The legal action against Peter Biggs, then aged nine, had been adjourned indefinitely last year after an anonymous donor had paid a £200 repair bill of the driver, Sarah Dowson. Yesterday Peter's parents went back to court to claim compensation for their son, whose leg had been broken in two places. A judge in chambers at Colchester County Court in Essex awarded the damages after hearing how he had been knocked down as he crossed the road outside his home in the town.

Terry Bolton, the boy's solicitor, said: "Peter was originally sued on the grounds that he had been negligent in walking in front of the car. I argued that a nine-year-old is not competent of negligence. The case probably should never have come to court."

Peter was believed to be the youngest person to be sued in Britain in modern legal history. Lawyers for Miss Dowson, 21, of Abberton, claimed that she had not caused the accident and should not have had to pay for the repairs.

Whitbread's widget brings draught taste to bottled beer

BY NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

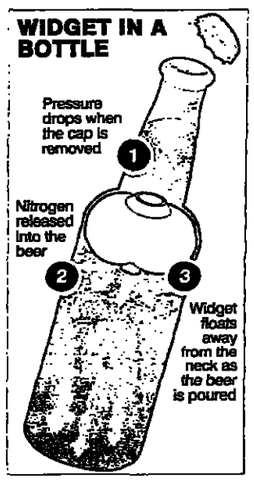
THE delights of draught-style ale are being made available to drinkers of bottled beer seven years after Guinness unveiled its "widget in a can".

Whitbread, rivals with Guinness in the stout market, announced yesterday that it had developed the "widget in a bottle" after two years of intense research. The device is being installed in bottles of its Murphy's Irish stout to aid its battle with Guinness, Beamish and other brews.

Widgets, devices that release nitrogen gas into beer cans to create a smoother, less fizzy drink, have transformed the domestic consumption market. Most of the big brewers have developed systems to rival Guinness's.

Whitbread, which owns Murphy's, introduced its Draughtflow system in Boddingtons canned in 1991. Courage produces Caskpour and Bass produces In-Can Draught and Widgetplus.

But bottled beers had escaped the march of brewing technology until yesterday. A spokesman for Whitbread said there was growing consumer interest in bottled ales and surveys had shown that they wanted a draught-style product similar to that enjoyed by fans of cans.



Dr Tony Whitear, director of research and development at Whitbread in Luton, Bedfordshire, said: "When people look at this device they may not realise there is a lot of technology here. It has taken two years to develop and seven patents have been applied for." Unlike canned versions, the new widget floats on the surface of the stout, resembling a submarine with a conning tower. When the cap is removed, a reduction in pressure triggers a release of nitrogen gas through a one-way valve on the widget's underside. The device, which is "squeezed" into the bottle, is shaped so that it does not flow out with the stout. As the liquid is poured, the widget floats backward away from the neck rather like a cork in a wine bottle.

Dr Whitear said that there were significant benefits to having a widget on the surface. He said bottom-located devices tended to discharge nitrogen throughout the brew, sometimes causing the "beer to get lively and the contents to overflow". The surface system, by contrast, "feeds nitrogen into the top 10 per cent of the beer and so there is not as much of a problem with overfoaming. The bubbles in the top nucleate bubbles in the rest of it," Dr Whitear said.

A spokesman for Whitbread said that the stout would cost £1.39 for a pint bottle with the widget representing less than 3 per cent of the cost.

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McAlpine finds few converts to heretical cause

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LORD McALPINE of West Green was finding few takers in Tory circles yesterday for his heretical suggestion that the party would be better off losing the next election and sorting out its differences in *opposition*.

Ambitious young Tories on the Right of the party appeared in no mood to let Tony Blair wrestle with the cares of office for the next few years. Alan Duncan, MP for Rutland and Melton, said: "It's all very well to go and sit in a cave and purge your body for a month. But if the infidels have taken over the castle in the meantime, it comes at a high price."

Nigel Evans, MP for Ribble Valley, said he was angered by the remarks of Lord McAlpine, a former Tory party treasurer, reported in the latest edition of *New Statesman and Society*. Mr Evans said that with the economy strengthening this was no time to surrender the spoils of many years' tough decision-making to a Labour government.

But privately, leading Tories of an ideological bent confessed that Lord McAlpine's suggestion that *the party take a political* sabbatical was seductive.

Tory MPs have rarely been more despondent about their chances of keeping their seats as they contemplate unprecedented Labour leads in the polls and mutter bitterly about a Government drifting inexorably towards disaster. An air of hopelessness hangs over the parliamentary party as it braces itself for the next blow — a *pasting in the May council* elections. Many rightwingers seem resigned to their fate — a change of career or a spell in opposition — and some are now wondering if a long-delayed swing of the political pendulum might give them the time and opportunity to form a radical new election-winning ticket for the next century.

As one prominent Tory put it yesterday, if the party could be sure it would be out of office for only four or five years, then come back reinvigorated, *there might be something to* be said for Lord McAlpine's prescription. But what if Mr Blair consolidated his grip on power and kept the Tories at bay for a decade or more?

The example of the Labour Left in the early 80s, which put political purity before the compromises of office, was hardly encouraging. Even worse, Mr Blair might hand over so much power to Brussels, for *instance by signing up for a* single currency, that a future Tory government could do little to change the political landscape. A further danger is that the party might veer so far to the Right as it wanders through the desert that it renders itself unelectable for a generation — the wrong turning from which Labour is only now recovering.

The answer, the Right believes, is again to master "in-flight refuelling", the trick the Government pulled off in the 1980s under Margaret Thatcher as it found a new sense of purpose and unity after the battering of the recession then of the Westland affair.

No mention of the consequences of defeat in right-wing circles is complete without reference to the possiblity of ditching Mr Major before the election, but the deadline for a challenge is still eight months away. Speculation about the merits of a Heseltine-Portillo "dream ticket" is growing but has yet to reach the fever pitch of Mr Major's past leadership crises.

Mr Heseltine knows that, at 62, if he is ever to become leader he must take over before the next election. Mr Portillo is 20 years younger. He would clearly be Lord McAlpine's choice as the voice crying in the wilderness and, according to some observers, *exhibiting a certain detachment* from the Government's travails.

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Tory party tormentor shows no regrets

BY ALICE THOMSON
POLITICAL REPORTER

THE fundraising supremo to Margaret Thatcher was revelling yesterday in the pandemonium he caused when he accused her successor of "stuffing up a great party".

Lord McAlpine of West Green, who possibly contributed more than anyone to the Tory election successes of the past 15 years, has turned traitor. It all began late on Wednesday when the *New Statesman and Society* released a preview of an interview with Lord McAlpine. Instead of plugging his new book, he had used the opportunity to become the first senior Tory to look forward to defeat at the next general election.

Yesterday the 52-year-old construction magnate refused to retract a word. In his customary corduroy suit, cucumber and salmon striped tie and incongruous skinhead haircut, he saturated the airwaves to explain that the party needed a good scrub with a hard brush.

During the 1980s Lord McAlpine charmed cash out of fellow industrialists by means of lavish lunches and armfuls of literature on the loony Left. The first public indications that he was deeply disaffected surfaced three years ago, when he began to be vitriolic about "the distasteful" John Major.

But this was mild stuff compared with his assault yesterday. He was on BBC Radio 4's *Today* programme by 7.30am to announce that the party needed a good cleansing in opposition followed by a John the Baptist figure. An hour later his ruddy face was being smothered in powder and surrounded by daffodils for Channel 4's *House to House*. By now the Government was worried and Michael Heseltine began to stalk him.

Soon Lord McAlpine and the President of the Board of Trade had moved on to ITN's lunchtime news, then to the BBC's one o'clock news. By Prime Minister's Question Time, Mr Major was obviously riled. Asked about Lord McAlpine's antics he tartly responded: "I understand *that Lord McAlpine is promoting* a book which is a work of fiction."

By then Lord McAlpine was back at his flat in Bayswater, where he said: "John Major is the one living in a fantasy world not me. Now is the time for plain talking or this great party will die. They have got to start behaving like decent Tories and stop this appalling drivel. I have been thinking along these lines for some time as *have many other sensible* frustrated Tories but hearing the Chancellor saying we can't expect a return of the feel-good factor has really goaded me."



Hanley isolated on sleeze claims

BY JAMES LANDALE
POLITICAL REPORTER

JEREMY HANLEY'S campaign against Labour's alleged corruption in local government faltered yesterday when both his deputy and the Prime Minister distanced themselves from his claims.

Although John Major told the Commons there were "no doubt cases of waste, inefficiency and malpractice" in Labour councils, he pointedly avoided the word "corruption", which the party chairman used when he launched the Tory local election campaign on Wednesday.

In a television interview, John Maples, deputy party chairman, apologised if Mr Hanley had given the impression that all Labour councillors had their "hand the till". He said: "That is not what he meant, because it is perfectly clear to me that most Labour councillors do not have their hand in the till. If that is how *most people have misunderstood it, then I'm very sorry.*"

The Prime Minister's remark in the Commons was in reply to a question from David Shaw (C, Dover), who asked whether the "evidence of Labour councillors personally benefiting from fraud, corruption, nepotism and inefficiencies" was such that people *should be informed about it* before the local elections. Mr Major said: "I think it's right that the auditor should investigate and make those matters public."

Frank Dobson, the Shadow Environment Secretary, said Mr Hanley was "beneath contempt". He told BBC Radio: "Everybody knows he is not up to the job. The Labour party is utterly against corruption wherever it arises, wherever there is wrong-doing. Unlike the Tory party, we do something about it."

IN PARLIAMENT

YESTERDAY In the Commons: questions to Northern Ireland ministers and Prime Minister. Debates on Commonwealth Development Corporation Bill, all stages. In the Lords: debates on Mental Health (Patients in the Community) Bill and Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act (Continuance) Order.

TODAY In the Commons: from 9.30am, Home Energy Conservation Bill, presented by Diana Maddock (Lib Dem, Christchurch), reaches report stage. Civil Rights (Disabled Persons) (Northern Ireland) Bill, opened by the Rev Ian Paisley (DUP Antrim N) has second reading. The House of Lords is not sitting.

Disenchanted are wrong to put faith in false god of opposition

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

The ado of the past two days is largely about nothing, except for the febrile state of Tory morale. Forget all the nonsense about gaffes, the eruptions of a wayward peer and similar trivia. Kenneth Clarke has made a valid, and pertinent, point about the impact of the economic recovery, even though his candour will not do him any political good. The very *factors which should make the* current upturn sustainable may delay its benefits for many people, and hence limit the "feel-good" factor, and the pay-off for the Tories electorally.

Mr Clarke may have been tactless, and he has certainly annoyed many of his colleagues. But he was only telling the truth about the constraints which the Government is likely to face in the run-up to the election. His point was the simple one that people are not going to feel more secure and comfortable until the Government has carried on *delivering growth for another* couple of years at least. At present, there is the virtuous position that the manufacturing sector is healthy with exports rising strongly and investment picking up. But living standards are still being squeezed for most people with interest rates rising again and the final instalment of tax rises only coming into effect next month.

Even though unemployment is continuing to fall, the pressures of international competition and defence cutbacks are still resulting in redundancies in many sectors, and feeding continuing fears about job prospects. Growth and the probable announcement of income tax cuts this autumn should in time boost *living standards and hence raise* consumer confidence and optimism. But there is less scope than in the past for a pre-election spending spree, not least because the Bank of England will damp any signs of incipient inflation. That is all Mr Clarke was really saying, as was Michael Heseltine in his more ebullient export-salesman mode.

The rest is largely froth. Alistair McAlpine's attack on the Major Government — deftly brushed aside by the Prime Minister — is neither surprising nor significant. Lord McAlpine, whose main claim to fame is as a highly successful fundraiser for the Tories, a kind of upper-class enforcer, epitomises the *courtiers of the Thatcher regime* who have become disenchanted with her successor. His complaints reflect wider frustrations, but they are flawed, not least his belief in the purifying effect of opposition. Many of his complaints, about the splits over Europe, the Tory party's financial problems and the poll ratings, have their origins in the bitter divisions of the late Thatcher era. And he has offered no real alternative.

Many Conservative MPs are in a fatalistic mood, while many ministers are already looking ahead to what jobs they might take after the election. They think their party will be defeated and are flailing around. They have little confidence in the *Government's ability to produce* solutions and despair of its errors and its infallible ability to trip into fresh controversies. Hence the familiar talk of a leadership challenge if the Tories do badly in the local elections, though there is no serious evidence for what are so far only the usual murmurings of the discontented — in some cases by MPs who have lost the Tory whip.

Tory MPs could panic after the May elections, though, in the past, the over-publicised threats of mavericks such as Tony Marlow have quickly evaporated. The odds must be that this will happen again. Mr Major would only go if he believed he had lost the confidence of the party. He would relish seeing off any "stalking-horse" candidate. The parallels with the fall of Lady Thatcher are misplaced. At present, Mr Major is — judging by conversations with him — in a confident mood. No one should underestimate his resilience or determination.

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Black man who reported car break-in was accused of not being British

Racial arrest victim wins police damages

By Richard Ford, home correspondent

A BLACK Briton who was arrested and questioned about his immigration status after going to police to report a theft won damages from the Metropolitan Police yesterday for false imprisonment and assault.

The man, a London Transport station officer, was accused of lying by a police officer when he said he had been born in Britain and had a British passport. Central London County Court was told. Terry Ajakaiye was then arrested and handcuffed. Police searched his house even after they had found his British passport and birth certificate. He has Nigerian parents but was born in England and had never been in trouble.

Mr Ajakaiye, 29, from south London, was awarded undisclosed damages in an out-of-court settlement of his case, which was the first brought under the Race Relations Act. He alleged that he had been discriminated against on the grounds of his colour and ethnic origins.

In spite of his victory the legal issue of whether, in law, police come within the category of persons liable to pay damages under the Race Relations Act was not subject to a ruling. Richard Hayward, a recorder at the court, told Mr Ajakaiye: "Thank you for coming. I am sorry you should have suffered this experience." A Scotland Yard spokesman said last night that no officers had been disciplined over the incident, no CID inquiry would be held and no apology offered.

Details of how much damages were awarded to Mr Ajakaiye remain confidential but Cliff Bootham, legal director of the Commission for Racial Equality, estimated they could be £30,000.

Mr Ajakaiye went to Shooters Hill police station in southeast London in 1993 to report that a radio and cassette recorder had been stolen from his fiancée's car.

Jane Deighton, for Mr Ajakaiye, said that a police officer questioned him about his immigration status. The officer then told Mr Ajakaiye he was a liar and was under arrest. When he tried to leave he was surrounded and handcuffed.

He was then taken to Plumstead police station where the custody officer was told that he had been arrested on suspicion on an immigration offence and for assault on a police officer. He was detained at the station for more than three hours even after the police had visited his home and inspected his passport and birth certificate.

Ms Deighton said his upset had been compounded by the police's persistent failure to apologise. Mr Ajakaiye said: "I hope my victory will encourage other black people who have been badly treated to speak out."

RICHARD LEWIS



Terry Ajakaiye was kept in custody even after police found his birth certificate

Officers welcome DNA database

By Stewart Tendler, crime correspondent

THE world's first DNA database for criminals will be operational within weeks, chief constables were told yesterday.

In its first year the database at Birmingham, established with a grant of £4 million from the Home Office, is expected to receive samples from 135,000 burglary, serious assault and sex crime suspects. Within five years it could be widened to hold details of all offenders. Police and politicians believe it will improve the justice process, save time and money and sharply increase conviction rates.

Final details of the database and its use from April 10 were outlined yesterday at the spring seminar of the Association of Chief Police Officers at the police college at Bramshill, Hampshire.

John Hoddinott, Chief Constable of Hampshire and president of the Acpo, said DNA records would be used to compare scientific evidence taken from different scenes of crime as well as identifying individuals involved. He said greater use of DNA samples had been made possible by the Criminal Justice Act, which allows police to take mouth swabs by force or to use hairstrands.

Ben Gunn, Chief Constable of Cambridgeshire and head of a police working party on the DNA project, said it would cost forces about £5.4 million in the next year to take the first samples. Eventually a total of 675,000 suspects would be logged on the database. He emphasised that DNA profiling could clear a suspect as well as leading to conviction.

The eventual aim is to take a sample from every suspect charged or held for an offence that would carry a prison sentence.

Detective Chief Superintendent Bill Grahamslaw, a Scotland Yard detective working on the project, said: "We are on the brink of something like police officers faced a hundred years ago with fingerprints." He said a fingerprint could show that someone was at the scene of a crime, even if it did not prove they had committed it. DNA samples could sometimes show the person did commit the crime.

Best buys to choose in salad bargains

By Nicola Tyrrell

WEEKEND SHOPPING

FRUIT and salad bargains are plentiful. Cape plums are 70p to 95p a lb, and Cape Bon Cretian pears are 45p to 68p a lb. William pears are 49p a lb at Waitrose. For fresh fruit salads, black seedless grapes are 70p a lb at Sainsbury's and black seeded 59p a lb at Asda. Spanish strawberries are 79p for an 8oz punnet at Asda and Safeway. Also at Safeway, pineapples are 69p and organic oranges 79p for five. Asda cucumbers are 35p each, Waitrose curly lettuce are 45p and Tesco Little Gem lettuce 69p for a twin-pack. Baby corn is 69p for 115g at Somerfield and £1.59 for 250g at Waitrose.

Mixed vegetable stir-fry is 79p a pack and four Dalepack vegetable grills are 69p at Somerfield, while Sainsbury's vegetable lasagne is £1.29 for 510g. Tesco healthy eating cheesecake is on offer at £1.49, Shape yoghurts are £2.19 for a 12-pack at Somerfield and Wall's Gino Ginelli ice-cream is £1.59 a litre at Sainsbury's.

Meat bargains include shoulder of British lamb, 1.39 a lb at Safeway; British beef rump steak, 3.18 a lb at Asda; and British pork loin steaks, 1.88 a lb at Somerfield.

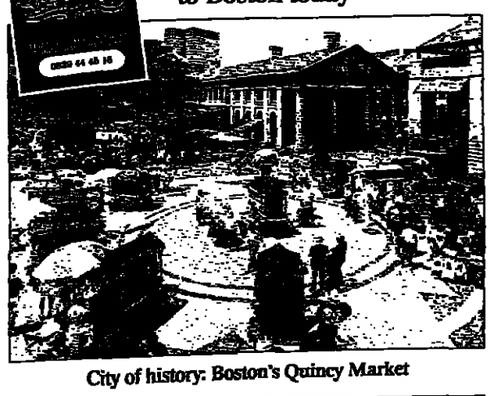
In wines, Somerfield Bulgarian Cabernet Sauvignon 75cl is £2.49. Tesco Bucks Fizz 75cl is £1.69 and its Australian dry white wine 75cl is £2.69.

Other advertised best buys:
Asda: pepperoni pizza, £1.09; 255g Youngs Ocean Pie, 99p; pork rolled shoulder, 95p a lb.
Budgens: Batchelors delicately flavoured rice, 69p for 220g; McVities Jaffa Cakes, £1.19 for 3 packs of 12.
Co-op: Heinz Weight Watchers chicken korma (325g) £1.89; apple strudel (600g) 99p.
Harrods: rainbow trout, £4 per kg; chicken *pâté en croute*, £1.95 per 100g; whole Roblochon cheese, £9.20.
Iceland: gateaux (3 varieties), £1.29 for 6 portions; Iceland prawns, £1.99 for 289g.
Marks & Spencer: lemon sole goujons, £2.99 for 9oz; white chocolate tarte, £1.99; 1kg Belgian biscuits, £5.99.
Safeway: chicken passanda, £1.49 for 340g; British beef fillet steak, £6.68 a lb.
Sainsbury's: JS dolcelatte cheese, £2.98 for 178g; JS garlic bread, 59p; JS chocolate fudge cheesecake, £1.48.
Somerfield: Olivite reduced fat spread 39p for 250g; ruby red oranges 79p a kg.
Tesco: English mature cheddar, £2.04 a lb; 12 all-butter mini croissants, 99p.
Waitrose: spinach and cheese flan £1.25 for 360g; fresh chicken, £4.99 for 5lb.

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Crash of France's biggest bank hits Balladur hopes

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

THINK of Nick Leeson's bill at Baring's, multiply it by 13 and you have the scale of the debacle of the Crédit Lyonnais bank. The image was served up by a Paris newspaper yesterday as the heat of a presidential campaign focused attention on a scandal that goes to the heart of the French system and further batters the candidature of Edouard Balladur, the Prime Minister.

Indignation, much of it from politicians who had long been silent, has filled the air since the Government disclosed this week that the expected losses at the state-owned Crédit Lyonnais were 50 billion francs (£6.3 billion) more than the previously estimated 40 billion francs. The flagship of French banks, and Europe's biggest, ran itself on to the rocks with reckless lending in the 1980s when it threw money into state industries, property, the businesses of Bernard Tapie, the tycoon-politician, and, among other debacles, financed the takeover of MGM studios in Hollywood.

Previous disclosures of the bank's plight brought little public response. A new rescue package, to be detailed today, is under fire from rival nonstate banks and has become the subject of an inquiry by Brussels. Karel Van Miert, the EU Competition Commissioner, said he believed the government rescue was the best solution available, but he could not pronounce on its fate. "We are going to open the state aid procedure to look very carefully into the plan." M Balladur has asked Edmond Alphandéry, the Finance Minister, to punish those responsible for the bank's plight. The Government is arguing that the taxpayer will not be charged for a complicated new bail-out that works out at £100 a citizen. The claim has prompted derision from experts who note that, although deducted from future profits and asset sales, the money will still come from the public till.

The scandal was tailor-made to feed the argument of Jacques Chirac, the Gaullist who is favourite for the presidency, that France must break



free of civil service technocrats who monopolise the Government and the biggest firms.

The topic was already at centre-stage after the prosecution, on fraud and corruption charges, of a limousine load of France's grandest captains of industry. In the latest of these, Pierre Suard, chairman of the engineering giant Alcatel-Alsthom, was put under investigation by a humble magistrate last Friday.

According to current wisdom, the days when France could be run by a tiny club of old boys from the Ecole Nationale de l'Administration are coming to an end. The indictment of M Suard "brings into play the whole French system, the close ties between the Government and companies, the impunity of bosses," said *Libération*, the left-leaning daily.

Although M Balladur is not implicated in wrongdoing, the scandals are tainting his campaign because he is the epitome of the mandarin aristocracy. A senior civil servant, he worked in business in the 1980s, running a subsidiary of M Suard's empire. After serving as Finance Minister and supervising the privatisation of the previously state-owned Alcatel, he received a handsome salary as a consultant until 1993.

Although M Chirac hails from the same caste and is a close friend of M Suard, he owes much of his campaign lead to his success at restyling himself as the people's champion against the elite.

M Chirac's allies have discovered a similar social conscience and are rounding on M Balladur and previous governments for promoting the old ways. His role as Budget Minister in the 1980s has not stopped Alain Juppé, the Foreign Minister and chief Chirac deputy, from denouncing "the system" that allowed Crédit Lyonnais to drift out of control. Alain Madelin, the Industry Minister and another Chirac loyalist, is calling the Barings' loss "peanuts" beside the French banking mess and he is accusing M Balladur of delaying an investigation into Jean-Yves Haberer, the former Crédit Lyonnais boss.



Jacques Chirac, well ahead of his rivals in the presidential race, addresses supporters at a rally in Paris yesterday

Chirac pleases both sides on Europe

BY CHARLES BREMNER

JACQUES CHIRAC, the Gaullist favourite for the French presidency, painted his vision of Europe yesterday on a canvas of contrasts designed to please doubters and believers in deeper union.

M Chirac, now far ahead of his rivals in the race to succeed President Mitterrand, appeared to have satisfied both the Euro-sceptic wing of his Gaullist party and the pro-Union forces of the centre-right who have rallied to his cause.

The pro-Union side, for example, was delighted to hear him proclaim strong commitment to monetary union, to a common foreign and defence policy and to "the Franco-German couple which will remain in the heart of this structure". Gone was any mention of the referendum that he had earlier promised on monetary union. On the other hand, the Euro-shy were relieved when M Chirac pledged commitment to a greater say by national parliaments and governments.

The long-awaited "Chirac doctrine" was attacked swiftly by opponents waiting to pounce on what they see as an attempt to square the circle. Supporters of Edouard Balladur, the rival Gaullist, said M Chirac was "playing with a Yo-Yo" on Europe while Martine Aubry, spokesman for Lionel Jospin, the Socialist candidate, called the speech "vague and contradictory".

Addressing parliamentarians, EU ambassadors and other dignitaries, M Chirac cast his vision of France's destiny in the lofty tones of General de Gaulle. "Now that Europe is going through a crisis of confidence, I want to reconcile the French with one another about Europe and reconcile the French with Europe," he said.

That meant curbing technocracy, limiting the powers of the Commission and giving democracy a face in the form of a European president, who could be appointed for a three-year period by the heads of government. A stronger voice for national parliaments would "preserve national identities within the Union," he said. "We must be careful not to create a Union that is both distant and invasive."

Playing a variation of the theme of "concentric circles", "hard cores" and "variable geometry", M Chirac said he favoured "privileged ties of enhanced solidarity within the core family" of European states. "The member states that wish to go faster and further together must be able to do so." He added: "Franco-German relations must receive a new impetus." He promised to work with Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, to produce a common stance for next year's Inter-Governmental Conference to review the Maastricht Treaty.

There was no question of turning away from the treaty, said M Chirac, who gave it only lukewarm support in 1992 and some of whose lieutenants led the campaign against it. "I am committed to realisation of monetary union when the conditions provided for by the treaty are fulfilled," he added, without giving a date. M Balladur is committed to 1997. M Chirac did not mention a referendum, but promised a great national debate on monetary union.

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WORLD SUMMARY

Baku 'on brink of civil war'

Moscow: The Azerbaijani capital Baku was put on a war footing yesterday as thousands of troops were deployed in the city in a tense stand-off with hundreds of mutinous paramilitary police (Richard Beeston writes). President Aliyev warned that the country could be plunged into civil war and vowed to stamp out what he described as an attempted putsch against his Government.

The crisis was triggered by the decision on Monday to disband the 3,000-strong Opon élite police force, loyal to Rovshan Javadov, the former deputy interior minister, who led an abortive uprising last October. Yesterday their base just outside the capital was sealed off.

Russian TV boss quits over staff

Moscow: Aleksandr Yakovlev resigned as chairman of Russia's main television company amid controversy over its future. Mr Yakovlev, 71, known as the "Father of Glasnost" for his role in promoting liberal reforms in the last years of the communist superpower, left the state-run Ostankino television after only 14 months.

He complained bitterly about the lack of professionalism among staff. "All they want is to share state funds [allocated for Ostankino] and to make fortunes on commercials," he told Itar-Tass news agency. *(Reuter)*

Trial demanded for ex-premiers

Brescia: An Italian magistrate yesterday asked a judge to send for trial on corruption charges Bettino Craxi and Arnaldo Forlani, both former Prime Ministers, Paolo Cirino Pomicino, a former Budget Minister, and Diego Curto, a senior judge. The charges arise from the collapse of a joint state-private chemicals venture, judicial sources said. The judge must decide if there is enough evidence for a trial. The charges range from illegal financing of political parties to fraud. *(Reuter)*

Iran's help for fugitive German magnate strains relations with Bonn

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

IRAN sheltered Jürgen Schneider, Germany's fugitive property magnate, in his year-long flight from creditors, Bonn security sources said yesterday.

The disclosure further complicates the confused relationship between Iran and Germany. American and British diplomats have been highly critical of Germany's dialogue with Iran, arguing that Tehran's perceived sponsorship of terrorism, violation of human rights and nuclear ambitions have pushed it beyond the pale. The Schneider disclosure, shortly after President Clinton blocked an American oil deal with Iran, seems to be prodding Bonn into line with other Western states. Israeli sources, speaking after a visit by Shimon Peres, Israel's Foreign Minister, to Bonn this week, said that the politicians warned German leaders about Iran's nuclear ambitions and received some assurances that Bonn would tighten its policy towards Tehran. However, it was announced by Iran yesterday that German banks are to finance two big oil and gas projects in the Gulf.

According to German security officials, Herr Schneider planned his escape from Germany — where his liabilities amount to some £1 billion — with an Iranian friend. In Iran he was given protection by Mohsen Rafikdust, the former chief of the Revolutionary Guards who heads the Bonyade Mostasafan Foundation, which administers funds confiscated from the family of the late Shah. Herr Schneider appears to have entered the country with an Iranian diplomatic passport and later lived in a villa in Isfahan. Recently, according to the German sources, he travelled to the United Arab Emirates. His present location is not known.

Washington's discontent with Bonn has been fuelled by a suggestion in *The New York Times* this week that a small German airstrip, owned by three Iranians, has been used to ferry arms and advanced technology to Iran.

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Peacekeepers pinned down by artillery barrage in eastern Bosnian enclave of Goradze

Attacks by Serbs prompt UN forces to review patrols

FROM JOEL BRAND IN ZAGREB AND MISHA GLENNY

BRITISH United Nations troops in the eastern Bosnian enclave of Gorazde are reviewing their patrols after an attack by Serb troops.

The scope for change is limited, however. A foot patrol of 12 men was involved in a battle with Serb troops in the north of the Gorazde enclave on Wednesday. Three of the soldiers were pinned down for four hours by heavy Serb fire. A quick-reaction force team in an armoured vehicle was deployed and fired on by Serbs.

The attack took place in a region where the United Nations had not sent patrols for about six months. At about 3pm, Bosnian Serbs pinned down the British patrol using small arms, heavy machine-guns and anti-aircraft guns. Half the patrol withdrew, but it was not until 7pm that the rest were recovered. In all, the British returned 500 rounds. When approaching their base, the patrol was attacked again — this time by Serb and Bosnian government forces.

At the weekend another British patrol was engaged by Serb forces and pinned down for several hours. The peacekeepers returned 700 rounds in that incident before extricating themselves.

In another development Bosnian Croat leaders said yesterday that they would freeze all official contacts with their Bosnian government allies until the fate of General Vlado Santic, a Croat officer kidnapped in Bihac by Muslim soldiers, was known.

The Bosnian Croat presidential committee also demanded the replacement of General Atif Dudakovic, commander of the mainly Muslim government army in the northwest Bosnian enclave, the Croatian news agency Hina reported. The committee accused General Dudakovic of ordering the abduction of General Santic, commander of the Bosnian Croat militia (HVO) fighting alongside government forces in Bihac. He disappeared on March 8.

In Gorazde and two other eastern "safe areas" the Bosnian Serbs have been stopping fuel shipments to peacekeepers. Already the British are using a small hydro-electric generator to power their radios and have been forced to mostly abandon their petrol-starved armoured vehicles in favour of foot patrols. By the start of next week they expect to begin supplying many of their observation posts with mules.

Nato warplanes flew low over the area for most of the afternoon during Wednesday's attack but were not called upon to attack the Serb gun positions. The UN command in Gorazde had given the Serbs advance notice of the patrol's route in the hope of avoiding such incidents. Lieutenant-Colonel Gary Coward, a UN spokesman in Sarajevo, suggested that the Serbs had used the prior notice to set up the cannon and arrange an ambush.

Twenty minutes after the British peacekeepers came under fire, the local Serb commander of the Rogatica Brigade told a UN liaison officer he did not want peacekeepers in that area: his men were deliberately aiming at the patrol and would not stop firing.

When asked why the Nato warplanes were not asked to destroy a weapon that was violating the alliance's exclusion zone around Gorazde and being directed against the UN troops, Colonel Coward maintained that the UN's policy was not to "escalate" such incidents.



New Zealand troops perform traditional Maori dances on the tarmac at Split airport in Croatia in the former Yugoslavia. They join United Nations peacekeepers in the Balkans just as the region braces itself for an expected surge in fighting in the next few weeks



Dini: result is "victory for common sense"

Dini wins crucial vote on budget

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

LAMBERTO DINI, the Italian Prime Minister, narrowly won a vote of confidence on his mini-budget in parliament yesterday, inflicting a humiliating defeat on Silvio Berlusconi, his predecessor, and Gianfranco Fini, the "post-Fascist" leader.

Deputies in the Lower House voted by 315 to 309, with one abstention, to sweep away amendments threatening the 12,000 billion lire (£4.6 billion) package and save the two-month-old technocrat Government from resignation. "This is a victory for common sense," Signor Dini said.

A second vote a short time later approved by 315-303 the entire package, designed to contain the country's 1995 public spending deficit at 138,600 billion lire.

For Signor Berlusconi, a media tycoon, the vote was a double setback.

Not only did his plan to precipitate a snap general election by toppling the Government fail, but the drama also did considerable damage to the economy and his Fininvest company by pushing down the lira to a record low of 1228 to the mark yesterday and depressing share prices. The prospect of an election in June has now receded.

Britain delighted by treaty caution

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS

A STRIKINGLY cautious assessment of the Maastricht Treaty circulated by France to European Union governments this week suggests that demands for a radical overhaul of the treaty next year are already being toned down.

The draft document, which may well be changed before EU ministers endorse it in the early summer, will gratify the British Government and is likely to infuriate countries such as Germany and Belgium, whose governments are committed to deeper changes in the EU system.

Written by France, which holds the EU's rotating presidency, the document is scornful of the European Parliament's performance and claims for greater powers. The authors hint that the mixture of integrated and inter-governmental decision-making crated by Maastricht should stay in place. That system, which splits the Union into three "pillars", was designed by French officials in 1991 and is keenly supported by Britain.

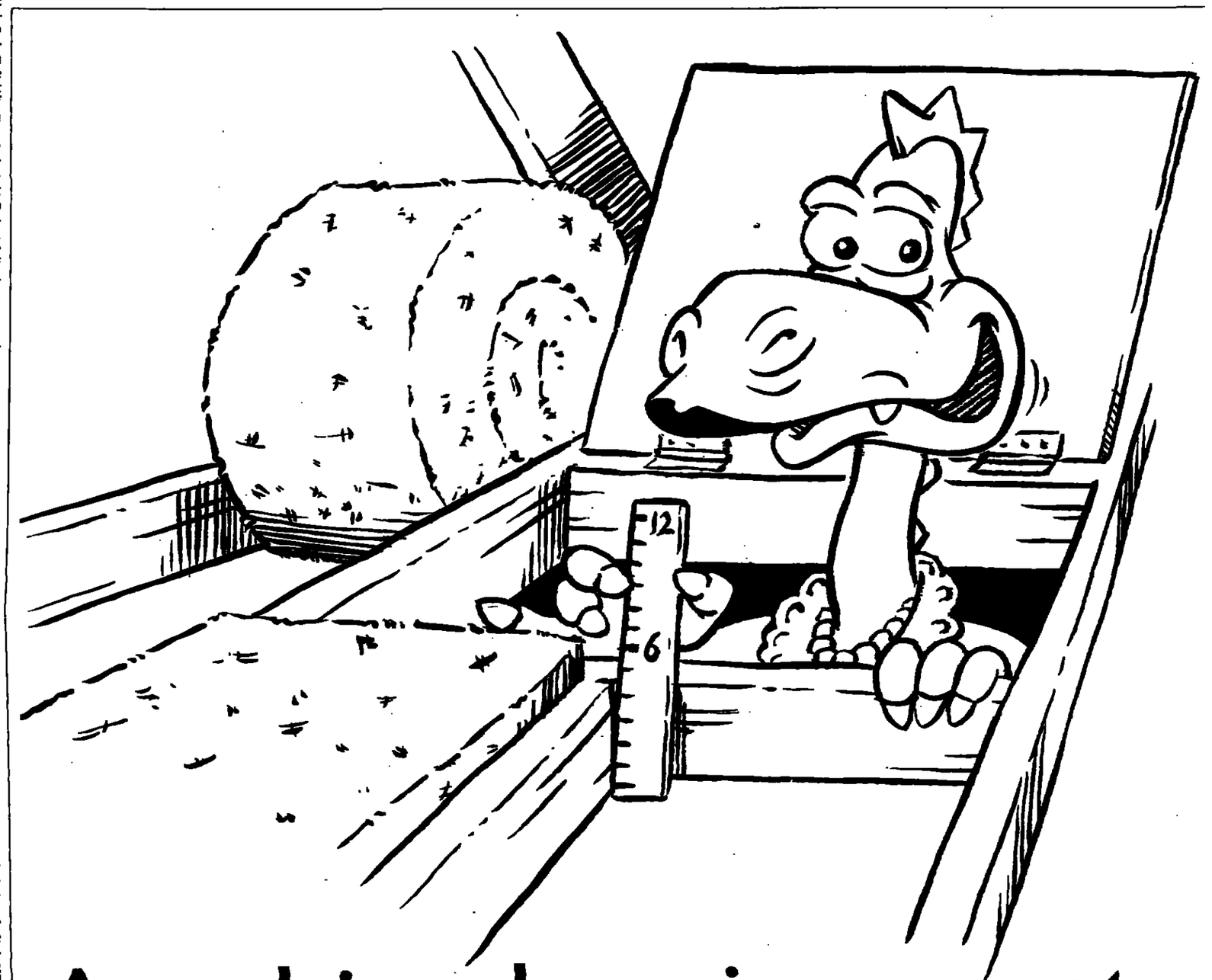
British officials were doing their best last night to suppress their delight at the document's contents and were emphasising that several bruising rounds of debate lay before EU ambassadors over the coming weeks. "The important thing is that the report should do what we all agreed: provide a source of information about how the treaty has worked and not start the debate about what should happen next before time," one said. A Belgian diplomat said that his Government had not had a chance to assess the report, but recalled that his ministers were critical of the way the Maastricht system was working.

The report will be one of the more important documents due to be digested by a study group of junior ministers and MEPs which starts work in June on the agenda for the treaty review conference.

Left divided on EU

Strasbourg: The socialist faction in the European Parliament has failed to endorse a blueprint for next year's intergovernmental conference to reform the EU's institutions (Wolfgang Münchau writes).

The agenda for the conference next year has become a subject of heated debate inside the European Parliament, which is drawing up a series of proposals for further European integration, stronger institutions, and simplified decision-making. A vote on the socialist plan, calling for greater powers for the Parliament and more majority voting in the Council of Ministers, had to be postponed after a flurry of amendments. The paper, drafted by Pauline Green, the British leader of the socialist faction, is an attempt to bridge the federalist aspirations of some continental MEPs, and the generally more cautious views of Labour members.



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Row over burial of non-Jews causes anguish in Israel

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

A SIX-DAY wrangle to find a burial place in Israel for Claudia Pesinkov, 92, from Russia has highlighted a macabre problem for non-Jewish immigrants.

Church officials, it is claimed, are not allowing the burial of some non-Jewish immigrants in their cemeteries for political and nationalistic reasons. The body was finally interred on Wednesday at a kibbutz in northern Israel, the only place in the country that would accept the remains.

Father Daniel Rufeisen who conducted the service, said that a request to conduct the burial in a Carmelite cemetery in Haifa was refused. The reason given was that she had not been a Christian. But he argued that it was unthinkable that any non-Jew born in Russia before the revolution would not have been baptised.

Father Rufeisen claimed that Arab nationalists, either in the West Bank or Gaza Strip, have issued an order to churches not to accept for burial anyone who has not been an active member of their communities.

"The Jews do not want to defile their cemeteries with *goyim* [non-Jews] and the Arabs do not want to defile their cemeteries with non-Arabs," the priest told *The Jerusalem Post*. "I feel that the reason is not religious, but nationalistic."

When news of the Pesinkov case reached Jerusalem, Knesset proceedings were interrupted by David Mena, a Likud deputy, who said on Wednesday: "The Jewish people have humane values of pursuing justice and cannot stand for this kind of thing. I call on the Religious Affairs Ministry to bury Claudia Pesinkov today to prevent further shame and to stop such incidents recurring."

He spoke as the Knesset Speaker, Sheva Weiss, was making official greetings to mark the Jewish holiday of Purim. The Speaker noted that the interruption violated Knesset procedure, but said that "in view of the tragedy" he granted the deputy "the right to call out".

Father Rufeisen, who serves the Hebrew-speaking Roman Catholic community in the north of Israel, said that from a Christian point of view the church should welcome the non-Jewish immigrants since they would strengthen the small Christian community. But he claimed that when it came to burial, both the Jewish and Christian establishments rejected the non-Jewish immigrants.

According to Yair Tzaban, Israel's Immigrant Absorption Minister, more than 100,000 of the 500,000 immigrants who came to Israel from the former Soviet Union in the past five years were not Jews under the guidelines laid down in Jewish religious law. But, he added, the great majority were the spouses or offspring of Jews.

Plans are now being drawn up for a new secular cemetery in Israel, but this will not be available for at least a year.

Fishermen under fire

Tyre: Israeli gunboats fired at fishing boats off south Lebanon yesterday, hitting at least one. Nobody was hurt. Fishermen said they feared a re-imposition of a blockade of their southern ports.

Faris Bouez, Lebanese Foreign Minister, told reporters that Israel's lifting of the blockade was only aimed at appeasing Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, while he was in the region trying to restart stalled Middle East peace talks. Israel had used the blockade to force Lebanon's army to ease checks on travellers to Israel's south Lebanon occupation zone. At the Tyre marina yesterday, hundreds of small wooden fishing boats were docked idle. *(Reuter)*



Vietnamese refugees threaten to stab themselves at a camp in the Philippines yesterday, in an attempt to stop officials from sending them home. The asylum-seekers fled to the roofs of the Morong camp, 50 miles west of Manila, after about 400 armed soldiers arrived to move them out. When the troops began climbing ladders, three men slashed their wrists and an elderly woman stabbed herself in the stomach. As police fire engines bombarded them with water, one of the 270 Vietnamese poured petrol over his body and tried to set fire to himself before being stopped by others. The resistance ended when one of the group's leaders, Tran Quoc Tuan, came down from the roof and, shouting through a megaphone, convinced his compatriots to leave. The wounded were treated and not in danger, officials said. The group, who had been promised resettlement in America but were then rejected for having false papers, will now join about 1,600 other Vietnamese at the southwestern Palawan camp awaiting repatriation. The Philippines Government, which officially closed Morong earlier this year, had planned to transfer the refugees on February 24 but gave them three weeks' reprieve after they threatened to commit mass suicide. A United Nations programme to cope with Vietnamese boat people is to be wrapped up by the end of the year, representatives of 30 countries, including donors and asylum hosts, decided in Geneva yesterday. They said Vietnamese not considered to be refugees who refused voluntary repatriation would be told to return. Hong Kong would be given a few months extra time to allow for the many asylum seekers there. (Reuter)

Boat people threaten suicide

Ramos challenges China in Spratly Islands dispute

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR, AND ABBY TAN IN MANILA

PRESIDENT RAMOS of the Philippines yesterday challenged China to live up to its repeated declarations that it wanted a peaceful resolution of the international dispute over the Spratly Islands.

Speaking at the end of a five-day visit to Britain, Mr Ramos tried to play down any long-term damage with Singapore over the scheduled execution today of Flor Contemplacion, a Filipina maid convicted of a double murder and sentenced to be hanged. He issued a statement speaking of his "great sadness" at the refusal to grant a stay of execution.

Mr Ramos said his country had detected Chinese construction on the Spratly Islands, in the South China Sea, and wanted clarification of Peking's intentions. Senior officials would discuss the dispute with the Chinese soon. "What we have always wanted is that the status quo as of the Manila declaration of 1992 should remain." China was party to that declaration. "[The Chinese] have many declarations about a peaceful resolution, dialogue and consultation. But of course on the ground we have seen something else." Mr Ramos said his country and Vietnam had agreed on the eventual demilitarisation of the islands.

Referring to the planned execution in Singapore, Mr Ramos said: "It is extremely regrettable that compassion and humanitarian considerations could not temper the force of the law of Singapore as applied Mrs Contemplacion."

Yesterday in Manila riot police stepped up security outside the Singapore embassy and Singaporean-owned businesses after bomb threats. About 2,000 protested outside the embassy in the Makati financial district. At the Manila International Airport, uniformed Philippine immigration officers shouted "murderers, murderers" at passengers boarding Singapore Airlines flights.

On Wednesday the Singaporean Government advised its citizens in the Philippines to take precautions after it rejected final attempts to spare the life of Contemplacion, 42, a mother of four who is due to be hanged early today at Singapore's Changi prison. She was convicted last April of killing a fellow Filipina maid, Della Maga, and her four-year-old Singaporean ward, Nicolas Huang.

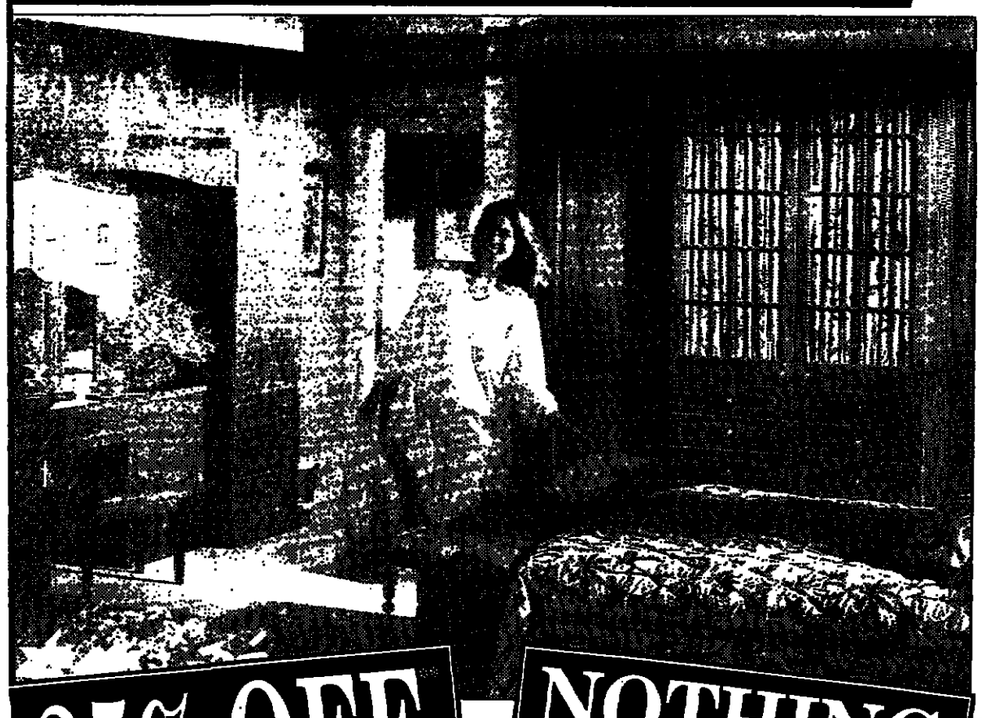
A former cellmate of Contemplacion has flown to Singapore to present the authorities with a statement which she hopes will save the woman from being hanged. Virginia Parumog, who was jailed for an immigration offence in 1992, says the maid told her she was tortured and drugged to admit committing the double murder.

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Aid cuts threaten starvation for Rwanda refugees

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

MORE than two million refugees from Rwanda — mostly women and children — face imminent starvation because the United Nations and aid agencies are running out food and money to help them.

Part of the problem has arisen because some donor countries believe the refugees should return home and not be encouraged to stay in camps in Zaire, Tanzania, Burundi and Uganda. However 85 to 90 per cent of the refugees now facing famine are women and children, according to the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, and not Hutu men accused of carrying out atrocities in Rwanda before being defeated and driven into exile last year.

"The interest of the big donors is diminishing, but the vast majority of the refugees are women and children, they are not murderers," said Sylvana Foa of the UNHCR. "Between April and September we have no pledges of aid and we need $60 million (£37 million) immediately. It really is a terrible situation, made worse because there has been a drought in the region and less food is available locally," Ms Foa said.

The UN World Food Programme has given a warning of "dramatic food shortages" and asked for $385 million to feed the refugees, but so far only $155 million has been pledged. Pierre Saillez of the World Food Programme said at Goma camp in Zaire: "The people feel we are cutting food rations to force them back to Rwanda, but there are just no funds."

Food rations at many camps have already been halved and stocks held by the World food Programme will be exhausted in two weeks, according to Oxfam and Save the Children. "There is now a real fear that without a major injection of cash and food, the crisis will affect every refugee and displaced person within the region," they said. About half the refugees are children, and up to 40 per cent are women, with one man acting as head of a family of up to ten, the UNHCR and Christian Aid said yesterday.

There are two million refugees in camps outside Rwanda and one million displaced people within the country. The two British aid agencies believe the situation is particularly serious for the 650,000 Rwandan refugees in Tanzania. "The refugees already perceive the food crisis as a deliberate attempt by the international community to starve them into returning home to Rwanda," Oxfam and Save the Children said. They added that a famine would lead to even worse violence in the Central African countries hosting the refugees, and scupper attempts to return them to their homes.

Food rations in camps around Goma have been halved and in some instances cut by two-thirds, other relief officials said this week. The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies said that the daily food ration of 1,900 calories a person, required under the standards of the UNHCR, has in some camps fallen to 600 calories a day.

The refugees poured into Zaire last July after the Hutu government army was defeated by the Rwanda Patriotic Front dominated by the Tutsi minority. Pro-government Hutus had orchestrated the genocide of between 500,000 and one million Tutsis and allied Hutus in Rwanda.

"The tension is mounting again," said Nina Nobel, a Swedish aid worker who says she has been threatened at the Kibumba camp near Goma.

At the current rate of repatriation from camps in Zaire, Tanzania and Burundi, the world's biggest refugee crisis, now eight months old, will drag on into the next century.



A street vendor in Peking offers what he calls a fossilised dinosaur egg for sale. Chinese scientists claimed yesterday that they had extracted the genetic material DNA from a dinosaur egg 70 million years old (Nigel Hawkes writes). A team led by Professor Chen Zhangliang of Peking University isolated the DNA from organic substances found on the inner surface of a dinosaur egg late last year in a study reminiscent of the film *Jurassic Park*. They were led to the find when a collector of fossilised dinosaur eggs dropped one in central Hunan province. The egg split open to reveal a softish centre and the collector approached the Hunan government. Palaeontologists found the DNA in a "cotton-like" area on the inner surface of the egg. Professor Zhou Zhenquan of the university said. Until the DNA sequences are published, however, western scientists are likely to remain sceptical.

Chinese claim to extract DNA from dinosaur egg

Burmese exiles play down releases

FROM REUTER IN BANGKOK

THE Burmese Government's sudden release of two top political prisoners is a gesture designed to counter bad publicity from its military crackdown on ethnic minorities, exiles said yesterday.

State-run television showed the leading dissidents, U Tin Oo and U Kyi Maung, walking out of Insein Prison in Rangoon into the arms of waiting relatives on Wednesday, but their release highlighted the continuing house arrest of Aung San Suu Kyi, winner of the Nobel Peace Prize.

"If they are sincere, they should release Aung San Suu Kyi and all the other political prisoners as well. In our view this is just propaganda to improve their tarnished image abroad," a spokesman for the exiled National Coalition Government of Burma said.

A total of 31 political prisoners were released. The 29 others were set free from three prisons in Mandalay, Toungoo and Tharawaddy.



Freeman: change of policy on arms sales

IN PARLIAMENT

Britain to lease Tornados to UAE

BY MICHAEL EVANS DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN is on the point of signing an agreement, perhaps as early as next week, to lease 12 Tornado ground-attack aircraft to the United Arab Emirates. The deal forms part of a new defence pact with the Gulf state.

Although the UAE has not asked for air crews to fly the jets, Royal Air Force personnel are expected to be detached as instructors. The UAE Air Force at present flies French Mirage 2000s and British Hawks.

The Tornado-leasing breakthrough represents the start of a new British drive to increase arms sales in the Middle East against growing competition from America and France. Roger Freeman, the Minister for Defence Procurement, leaves today for Abu Dhabi at the head of a delegation of defence industry officials. They are to attend an international defence exhibition there starting on Sunday.

Yesterday Mr Freeman said Britain was negotiating a more formal defence relationship with the UAE leading to joint exercises, exchanges of intelligence and arrangements covering Britain's response if there were a threat to the UAE's security. A similar pact was signed with Kuwait last year.

As part of a recently formed defence-sales strategy, Britain is to follow competitors in the arms market by backing only one company's product for future export bids. Mr Freeman said that, under the Government's competitive policy, several companies had often bid at the same time for foreign contracts. This, he believed, had confused potential customers.

In future, he said, a decision would be made on which British company to support. After that, the Government, the Ministry of Defence's sales organisation, defence attachés and diplomats would do everything they could to promote the chosen company's chances of winning the deal.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Nigerian arrests attacked

London: Chief Emeka Anyaoku, the Secretary-General of the Commonwealth, yesterday condemned a wave of arrests in Nigeria, saying they constituted a serious turn for the worse in the country's drift to a self-inflicted tragedy (Michael Binyon writes).

Chief Anyaoku, himself a former Nigerian foreign minister, said international disapproval had been heightened by the detention of General Olusegun Obasanjo, who was widely known as the only Nigerian head of state to have relinquished power voluntarily and returned the country to a democratically elected government. His comments echo strong American criticism of the arrests.

General Sani Abacha, Nigeria's military ruler, yesterday named his new Cabinet, more than five weeks after he dissolved the previous body.

Satellite bust

Istanbul: Four drug smugglers were jailed for 30 years each after US agents tracked their ship by satellite 3,000 miles from Pakistan to the Mediterranean with £244 million of heroin. *(Reuter)*

Fishing 'victory'

Ottawa: Canada claimed victory in its war with Europe over dwindling fish stocks as Spanish fishing vessels remained outside the disputed fishing ground. *(Reuter)*

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Watch this space

Moscow: Norman Thagard, the first American astronaut to fly in a Russian rocket, joined the orbiting Mir space station for a 90-day space mission which will set a new US endurance record. *(Reuter)*

Rabbani offer

Islamabad: President Rabbani of Afghanistan said he was willing to resign, but he would not commit himself to a UN-proposed transfer of power to an interim council on March 21. *(Reuter)*

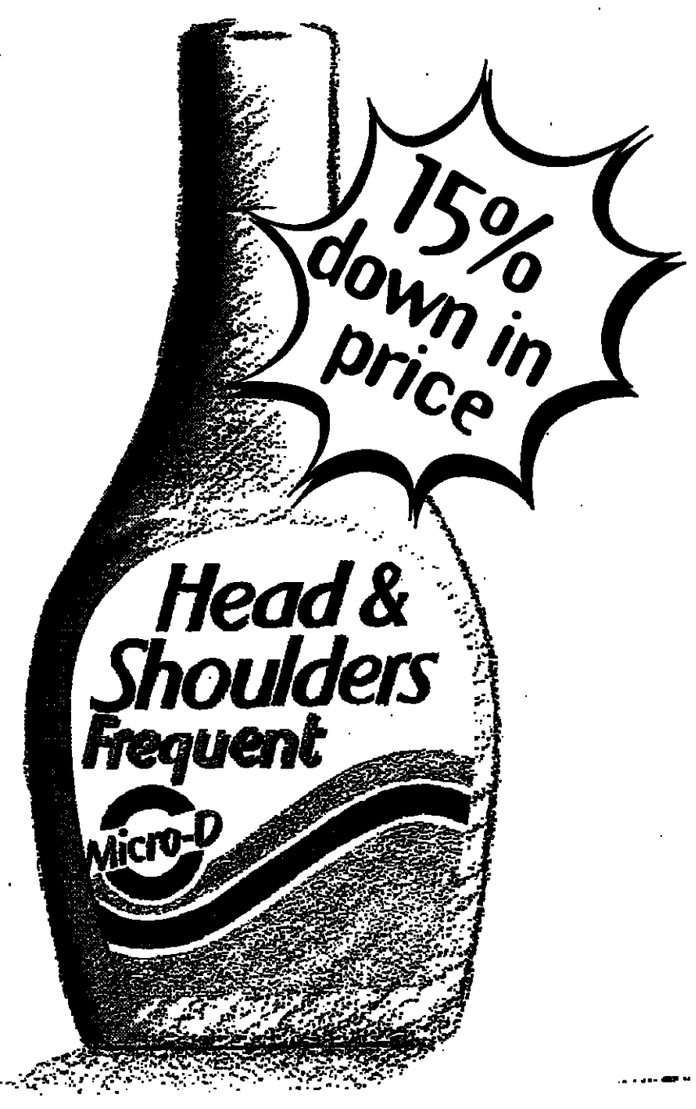
Vatican support

Rome: Sanctions must not be used to punish a people, the Vatican said after Tariq Aziz, Iraq's Deputy Prime Minister who has been lobbying governments for an end to UN sanctions, met the Pope. *(AP)*

Museum piece

Peking: China has retired its last escort warship armed with cannon to a museum, completing the switch to more modern missile-equipped vessels, the *Liberation Army Daily* said. *(Reuter)*

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'Why is everybody in Britain so nasty to me?'

Rupert Everett is back and hoping he can throw off his superficial, arrogant public schoolboy image



TONY WHITE

Rupert Everett: "I don't regret taking drugs in the past and I'm certainly not saying I won't take any more, but they make me look like a teabag and they lose my memory"

Rupert Everett inspires abuse like Beatrice influenced Dante. He is an extraordinarily handsome man, a perfectly adequate actor, yet the day before we met when my desk was covered with pictures of his chiselled, pouting face, kindly colleagues — ones who say that Fergie is probably a really nice person — were yelping in horror. "Oh he's *awful*," they cried. "He's so superficial, so arrogant, so public school."



JULIA LLEWELLYN SMITH

It must be said that even I was not elated at the thought of an audience with the Ampleforth-educated Mr Everett. Which is funny, considering that ten years ago, I would have failed all my O levels, turned down a date with the captain of the First XI and worn lime-green crimplene flares every day for a month to have had five minutes with the man. I was not alone. The Upper Fifth formroom was dominated by a poster of Everett in *Another Country*, lying back on his bed, floppy haired, lip curled, with his Eton collar sexily askew. At the end of the year there was a catfight over who should take him home.

So what went wrong? Did I grow up, or did Rupert go off? Well it certainly wasn't the former. Everett, 35, did not exactly build on his early promise. OK, there was *Dance with a Stranger* with Miranda Richardson, but then there was the truly ludicrous *The Comfort of Strangers*, followed, to hoots of derision, by an album and appearances in dodgy American mini series. The gossip columns said he was rude, arrogant, spoilt. Then suddenly he ran to ground in Paris, whence — apart from the occasional "Rupert is a Gay Junkie Shock" tabloid headline — very little, and the world began to worship Hugh Grant.

But in the way of celebritydom, Everett is now enjoying the obligatory comeback. As I write, he is starring in two films, the much celebrated *The Madness of King George* and the less vaunted *Prêt-à-Porter*. He has also produced a second novel, *The Hairdressers of St Tropez*. And here I am, nervously entering a restaurant in South Kensington, to quiz this has-been.

The hellraising heartthrob is sipping lime and soda and looking beautiful, if somewhat rough around the edges. I am hypnotised by his bronzed arms, bulging impressively under his black T-shirt, free of needle marks from his self-confessed heroin phase. He, meanwhile, is fascinated by a large baby, asleep at the next-door table. "Goo, goo, goo," says the mean and moody Everett. "How old do you think he is?"

Hang on, Rupert, you are famed for quotes such as "I don't want children, I've got a dog and that's enough". "It's true," he says, eyes still on the baby. "Woodge, woodge, woodge."

After all, it is clear that Everett loves his dog, a black labrador called Moïse, just as much as any child. He is in Los Angeles at the moment, unable to join his master in London because of the quarantine laws. "When you remember that," says Everett, "you remember all the things that you hate about England, that pathetic feeling of victimisation, that everyone else is trying to aggress us."

Yet, Everett describes himself as "very British" and certainly such paranoid sentiments could be applied to him. "Why is everybody so nasty to me?" he gripes, half joking and remembering my earlier uncharitable thoughts. I can only hum and ha.

We are talking about Everett's first novel, *Hello Darling, Are you Working?*, which *The Sunday Times* described as "mucus between covers". "The journalists got out their yardstick for Proust. Well, of course, if you judged the book on that level it's a load of ****ing rubbish. Judged by the Jackie Collins yardstick it stands up perfectly well. Does that make sense?"

It does, but unfortunately, Rupert, you are talking to someone who has read Jackie Collins's *Lovers and Gamblers* three times, and still thinks your books are dreadful. But I am a minority. "In America they were equally inaccurate, hailing me as the new Evelyn Waugh. Well, I'm not that, but lots of people who I really, really admire liked it. Gore Vidal, Leigh Bowery, Philip Prowse. Make sure you write those names down."

And so the conversation progresses, with Everett, when relaxed, being funny, honest and surprisingly intelligent. Slightly probed, however, and he shrivels. Why did you go to France? "Ga ga, lickle baby. Oh I'm bored of talking about my own life. Well, I went to Paris for a weekend in 1986 and it seemed like the most fantastic city. I didn't speak the language then and everybody was saying 'phwa, phwa, phwa' and sounded fantastically clever.

"Also, with 1992 coming, I thought it would be a good idea to hit Europe, so when European cinema came round I would have my own little territory that no one else had thought about. Si, ja, oui Rupert would resound across the Community." He snorts with laughter then sobers up. "It was not a stupid idea actually, but 1992 never happened, so I was forced to review the situation."

But he is doing his best work in years, as the foppish Prince Regent in *King George* ("That's a quality film, it's roast beef and Yorkshire pudding") and as the philandering designer of *Prêt-à-Porter*. The first, he says, was "a good laugh" to make, the second "neurotic", thanks to the director Robert Altman's method of filming a group of people, without revealing which section he was homing in on. "There were so many famous people in the cast, all thrown into this free-for-all. There you are: 500 actors and you're sitting having a chat, when the gun goes off and if you're not concentrating everyone else grabs the close-up. It was exciting, but you didn't have a chance to have fun."

Fun, which Everett exudes, is the purpose of his existence, and he is considering decamping to Miami. "Then I won't be under pressure to work." But fun is different now. "I don't regret taking drugs and I'm certainly not saying I won't take any more, but they make me look like a teabag and they lose my memory."

Since he can't remember them, he has little regret for those halcyon heartthrob days. "I was always striving to be attractive then, but now I accept the inevitability of things. It sounds New Age, but I just commit to the day."

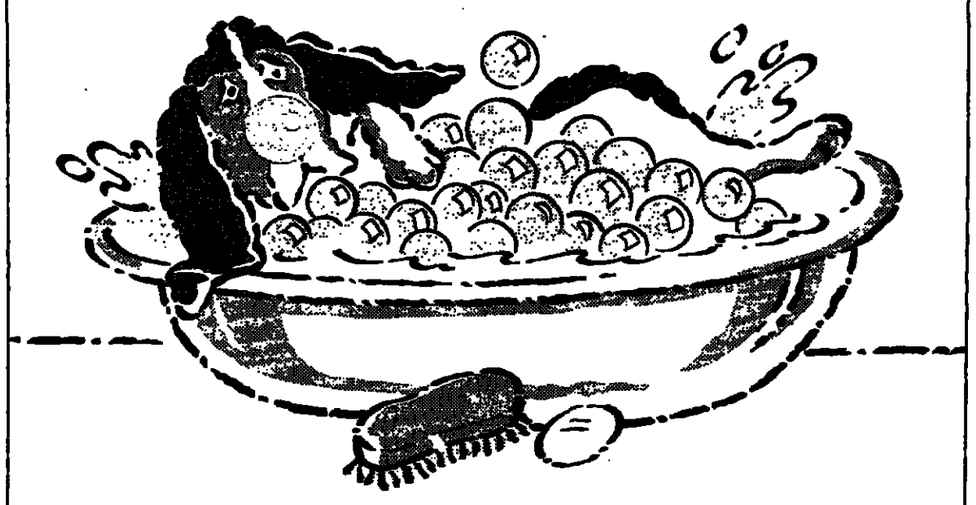
And is there any special someone to help you to commit? "No. I've never been in love," says Everett. "I've been obsessed, but I've never told anyone I love them. At the most I've said I love you too or *Je t'aime bien*. I've given up hope. You know, I really believe in that Asian thing that the camera steals your soul. When you are playing a love scene you are so into your part and you say 'I leurve you' and you do love them.

"But that's one of your times gone, and the next time you say it, you feel the last time was maybe more real. You feel like you are acting all the time. It's spooky."

It also says a lot about someone who sold himself as a superficial, arrogant public schoolboy. The camera decided Everett's image and the world is unwilling to forget it. But the real Everett claims he is immune now to bitchiness. But he might still be pleased to hear that I liked him enough to consider returning him to his place on the office wall.

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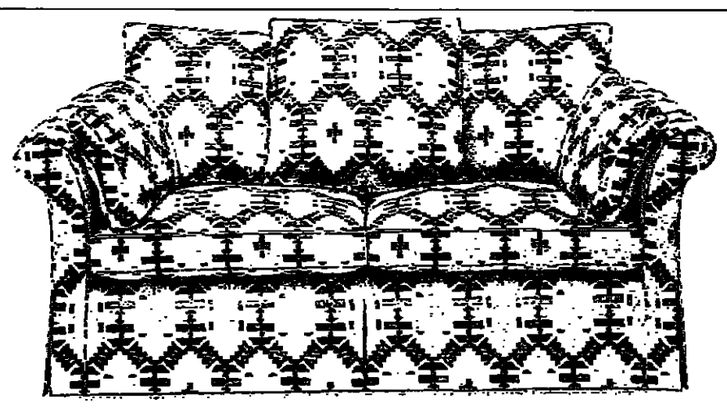
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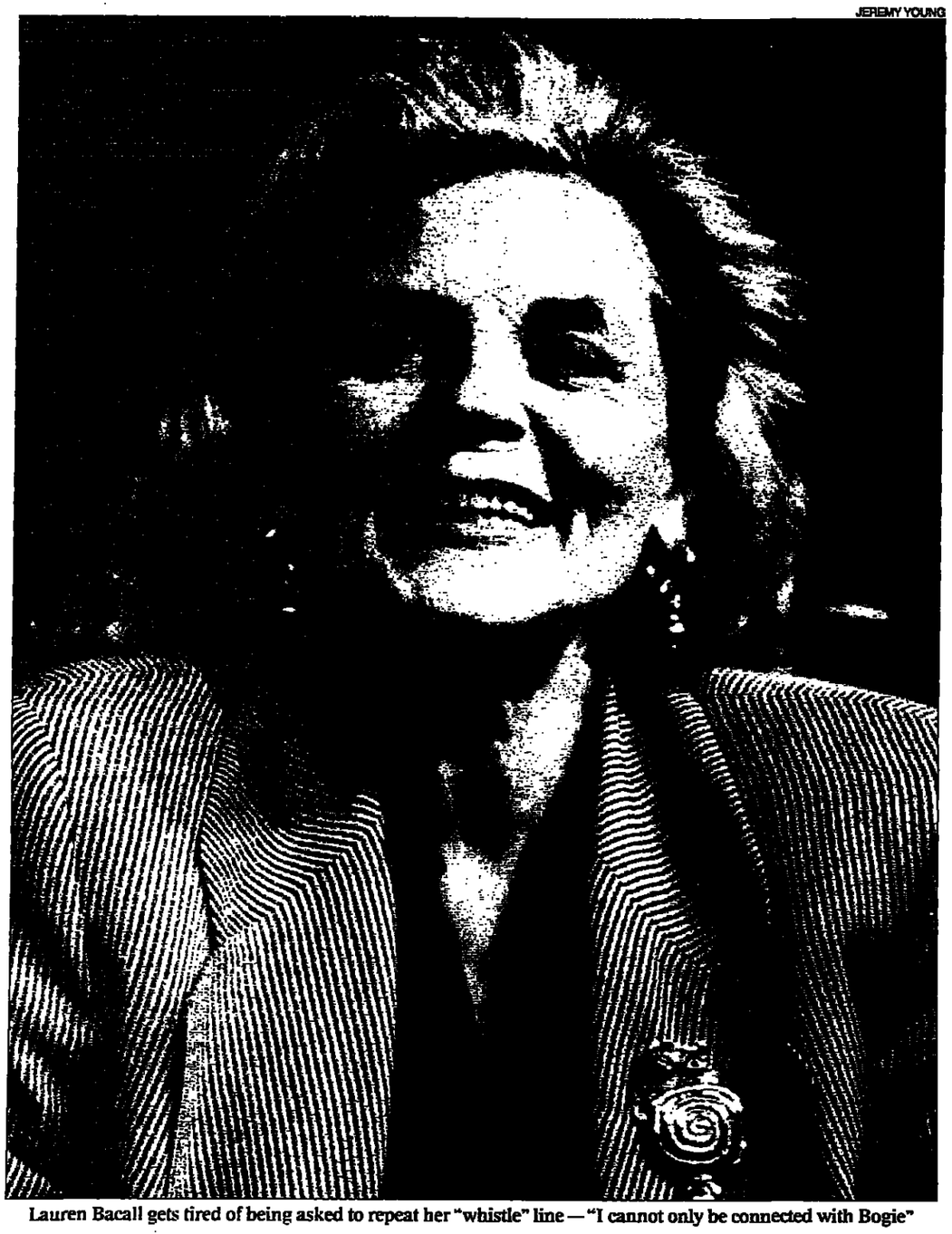
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At 70 Lauren Bacall is still tough enough to deal with pompous, condescending and sarcastic editors

How to eat an interviewer for breakfast

JEREMY YOUNG



Lauren Bacall gets tired of being asked to repeat her "whistle" line — "I cannot only be connected with Bogie"

The scene could have been scripted by Hemingway. Lauren Bacall was lunching with bespectacled Martyn Harris from *The Daily Telegraph* when the scene turned ugly. Bacall: "You know I really don't like your tone, mister. You have a hell of a nerve," whereupon he upped and marched out to write a candid piece ("It is Betty Perske's bottom I would like to boot as I leave San Lorenzo") about what happened when he met his "teenage lust-object".

OK. Miss Bacall (née Betty Perske) is a woman of a certain age who everyone assumes could eat a hapless hack for breakfast. "It was clear from the start that this was an unhappy guy. I tried a joke and that didn't work. He was totally hostile, trying to goad me into a negative response." She was ruffled enough to telephone his Editor, Max Hastings, and was astonished to receive a reply she found even more insulting than the interviewer's questions.

"He's sent me a pompous, condescending, sarcastic letter saying: 'You Hollywood people expect us to worship at your shrine. You would rather have somebody from *Hello!* magazine'. How the hell does he know? He adds gratuitously: 'We have for a long time been revolted by the sycophantic attitude of San Lorenzo to Hollywood.' And: 'The only time you people ever give interviews is when you want to promote something.' Well, buster, you don't ask us at other times."

She shrugs off this contretemps along with her coat, her chewing gum and her Marks & Spencer bag (she has just been shopping for a brace of plain white linen shirts: "I never buy just one of anything") to pour the tea.

What Bacall has just encountered is that British speciality, the sadistic interview of the "Call yourself a movie-star? Let me tell you how screwed up you are" hatchet-job school which enjoyed a vogue in the 1980s. "But I did not provoke it. It was not my bad day. I have a lot of faults, but I am actually very easy to get along with," she says, laughing her throaty laugh. "I'm not here to get into confrontations and listen to him insult my mother."

As she says: "Stardom isn't a profession; it's an accident." And after the accident happens it is fuelled by people like us: nobody makes us write about them. Fame is no protection against human insecurity, humdrum misery, natural disasters. Life pricks them and they bleed. Above all, they can't lick terminal illness and death, *with which Bacall's life is punctured.* "So many memorial services. And terror-filled waits in hospitals. You never get used to it. That old

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saw that time heals just doesn't wash. All the more reason not to waste your energy on garbage," she says.

Miss Bacall flicks her fair hair with insouciance. She looks terrific: feline eyes, cheekbones, wide mouth — still the Slim of *To Have And Have Not*, 50 years ago. You have to keep in shape to look this good at 70. She works out, when in New York, with one Martha Coopersmith who comes twice a week. "I got her from Nora Ephron. She said, 'I'm giving you this present: have her once and you'll always want her in your life.' And she was right."

She has written a wise, honest, woman's book — *hence her being on the interview circuit — about mid-life and ageing. She writes of the* empty nest, after years of worrying how she could work and leave her three children. (David Merrick refused to give her a day off from *Cactus Flower* to attend her son Steve's graduation, then relented and let her miss just one matinée. "The guy was all heart," she writes wryly.) Of losing a dog that slept on her pillow. Of creating a beautiful house and garden at Amagansett on Long Island — she wanted an English country garden "like Sidney Bernstein's" — which became a nightmare (dead trees and plants, viscous soot everywhere when a raccoon got lodged in the chimney, leaky pipes, "days on which everything seemed a chore"). Of deciding to sell the house ("anyway, a woman alone has *no business owning two establishments*") only to find that her children didn't want her precious collections of Delft, pewter, brass, majolica, "tchotchkes".

She raised her three children mostly alone and they have grown up remarkably normal. What is even more refreshing in a Hollywood actress, Bacall never resorted to an analyst. "I've always known clearly what my problems are. I don't have to have anyone tell me what the lacks and positives and negatives in my life are. You have to pull yourself together and that is what I have done."

At the wedding of her daughter (a nurse and yoga therapist) she found it tough to be mother and father of the bride: how different it would have been if Bogie had still been around. "That's when being on your own hits you." After that last wedding, she found herself feeling angry and lost. "I thought this dependence on my children would never happen to me. How could it? After all I am a working woman, an independent woman. I have a multitude of interests. So imagine my shock when I realised, at 65, that the final truth is: I live alone. I need a reason for all I do." That reason is her children. "Imagine if I hadn't had children! What on earth would I have done?"

She tries not to call them too often: "Who wants to hear from their mother all the time? That's fair enough: I didn't want to hear from my mother when I was alone, either. But I wanted her to be there when I called her."

The woman who first slouched across the screen saying "Anybody got a match?" removes the ashtray from our table. She has watched so many die, seen the ravages of cancer and emphysema: Bogie, John Wayne, John Huston. When Lenny Bernstein's wife, Felicia, was dying of cancer she begged Lenny to give up smoking. So Bernstein, Bacall and Patrick O'Neal went to SmokEnders and embarked on the rigid step-by-step programme ("Week three: you drop the butts into a jar of water and watch it turn black, like your lungs"). But it didn't stop Lenny or Patrick, now both dead. Bacall gave up finally nine years ago while playing in *Sweet Bird of Youth* in Australia. "I did it one day at a time," she says.

"The time I miss it most is when I'm in Paris, sitting alone in the Café Flore, after breakfast, reading the *Herald Tribune*." She has found no fidget-substitutes: "I don't paint or draw or knit or do needlepoint." But she is alive.

No wonder actors are tough. She writes vividly of the exhilaration of applause, the terror of the footlights and the nightmare when the laughs fail to come and your voice hangs in mid-air. "Putting your life on the line eight times a week is not for the meek and mild," as she says. And at the end of a show's run, the sinking heart: "Where shall I go? My life is a disaster. Will I ever be on stage again?" She has had to audition for parts in movies she has played on stage, and seen them given to someone else. "Is it any wonder paranoia plays a part in my life? I sink so easily."

Since her months last year filming *Prêt-à-Porter* in Paris ("city of my heart") she has been travelling non-stop: "Suitcases. Hotels. Airports. I wouldn't want to live anywhere all of the time. I'm a restless person." She will be back in England this summer doing a Dürrenmatt play at Chichester. She finds it incongruous that people work like dogs, longing only to retire. "I dare say more than half the population are unhappy in their work. But I cannot comprehend choosing to retire. Why do we Americans yearn for vacations instead of fulfilment?" When resting, she gives lectures on "working women". Tomorrow she gets back to the Manhattan apartment with more rooms than she needs, to see friends like the Arthur Schlesingers and the Alistair Cookes and the Hal Princes and Sondheim, whose song *I'm Still Here* could be her signature tune.

Her signature line, written by Hemingway with help from William Faulkner, was heard again the other night at the National Theatre, when she was in conversation with Dirk Bogarde (watched by the Pinters, who took her to dinner afterwards). Someone in the audience asked her to say it again, in the husky, undersung voice: "If you want me, just whistle. You know how to whistle, don't you, Steve? You just put your lips together . . . and blow." She gets sick of being asked, but what can she do? A new generation hears it for the first time, and the oldies want to hear it from the horse's mouth. "Oh, I understand that. It will never go away. But what I don't like is the feeling that the rest of my life has gone for nothing. I have not sat in a darkened room for 37 years. I've done some good stuff. I've lived a life. I cannot only be connected with Bogie.

"But that was past. This is now." (That's the title of her book: *Now*.) "Listen, I'm very aware of how lucky I've been, to stay with my career. I'm a professional. I wouldn't have it any other way. My personal life has not gone so well."

Strangers may shout "Lauren!" in the street, grab her by the sleeve, ask to take her picture, but what about love? "I want to have somebody's hand to hold. I want to have somebody to laugh with . . ." she says on page 211. "To be in love and to share laughter with a man is the best combination."

"I don't say I'm looking," she says. "I like many things about living alone. I sleep when I choose and wake when I choose. But the interesting thing about life is, you never know what's about to happen."

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My false tribute to Hardy

Blue is the colour of glory in London — unless, of course, it's a fake

Oh, the shame of it. Having basked for years in the glory reflected from the front of our house by the blue plaque with Thomas Hardy's name on it, I have just discovered that the thing is unauthorised. To think that you belong to the most select club in London, and then to find that you're in under false pretences . . . it was the spiky little quarrel now in train between the very different fan clubs of George Frederick Handel and Jimi Hendrix that prompted me to check with the blue plaque committee of English Heritage, and now I wish I'd never asked.

English Heritage and the champions of Mr Purple Haze want a plaque on No 23 Brook Street in Mayfair, where Hendrix once lived. There is a plaque commemorating Handel next door at No 25, and Stanley Sadie who, as chairman of the Handel House Trust, wants to open a Handel Museum occupying both houses, objects. Forget Poets' Corner, the *Dictionary of National Biography* and *Grove's Dictionary of Music* (in whose American edition Mr Sadie himself included a long entry on Hendrix): a blue London plaque is the only memorial that counts.

The Handel camp says a Hendrix plaque would be inappropriate because he was more famous in America, but the Hendrix camp naturally accused the other lot of mere snobbery. Speaking as a plaque snob myself, I say let Hendrix have it. At least the "well-informed passer-by", as the English Heritage rubric has it, will stop and say: "Well, I never knew he lived there."



MARGOT NORMAN

This is more, I think, than can be said for Michael Balfe, Sir Julius Benedict and even of Frank Bridge, three English names that have made it into the list of 29 in the music and dance category. Most of those — like Chopin, Mozart, Clementi and Handel himself — are satisfactorily famous, but one must add that they are all at least as foreign as Hendrix. It has taken a succession of learned committees of the Royal Society of Arts, the LCC, the GLC and now English Heritage more than 130 years to reach a grand total of 620 men and women who, apart from being regarded as eminent, exceptional, outstanding and so on, in more or less any field of human endeavour, happened to hang their hats for a while at some London address.

They wait 20 years before plaquing anyone, mindful of what Andy Warhol said about fame being a funny thing, but they pick some rum ones on occasion just the same.

The trouble they go to is impressive, though. When I asked Andrew Saint at English Heritage about our Hardy plaque, he fished out an enormous file dating back to Hardy's death in 1928. One George H. Cook, lecturer in appreciation of architecture and the history of London, was the first proposer. And the pity is that he lit on the house in Tooting that Hardy's wife bullied him into renting. (Both Hardys came to hate that house.)

The correspondence piled up through the years until 1938, when the committee was still dithering, and it didn't get around to putting up the plaque until March 1940. The rule is only one plaque per notable, so when Evelyn Hardy began campaigning for a plaque on our house in the Seventies she was turned down. Somebody went ahead and did it anyway, in 1973, with an imitation that certainly fooled me when I got there in 1982.

I like to imagine it was Evelyn Hardy herself who put up that rogue plaque. Having by then written four books on Hardy she knew the Bayswater house was of much more account in his life than the Tooting one. It was in our house that he did little sketches from the bathroom window while mooning over Eliza Bright Nicholls, the Dorset coastguard's daughter who was in service round the corner in Orsett Terrace, and wrote her those glorious poems that, years later, he implied had actually been written to the tiresome Emma.

Excuse me carping, therefore, but I see from the *Blue Plaque Guide* that Virginia Woolf managed to break the rule and sneak in twice, once as Woolf (on Hogarth House in Richmond, where she and Leonard founded the Hogarth Press) and once as Stephen in Fitzroy Square. Her father Leslie got in too. A touch of overkill, I'd say. There are other anomalies: why did they ban Ezra Pound on account of his being a Fascist, but include that proto-Bolshevik Alexander Herzen?

Blue plaques appear to exert a fascination even over the plaque-worthy themselves. Apparently Sylvia Plath picked her house in Primrose Hill partly because it had a plaque to Yeats, and it may be that J.B. Priestley chose his house in Highgate because Coleridge had lived there. Finding myself unauthorised, however, I prefer the attitude of the essayist Charles Lamb, whose shade, I am sure, wastes no time haunting the house behind Lamb's blue plaque in Dunstan Terrace, Islington:

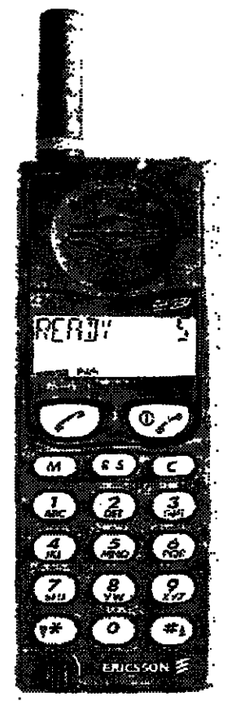
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Why the Tories live by power

Ideas do not flourish in the wilderness, says **John Patten**

Lord McAlpine's answer to the examination question "For the Tories, thinking is incompatible with governing" is clearly *Yes*. Polymath, splendid writer — a sort of thinking man's Alan Clark — and someone who has done more than most for the Conservative Party in postwar years, he is however wrong on this.

Apart from the uncomfortable thought that a period in opposition enjoying a course of political HRT is not necessarily going to be short — Labour had one 14-year stretch in the 1950s and 1960s, and is just about to enter year 17 of its present electoral sentence — the record shows that since 1974 much of the best of Tory thinking has been done in the saddle.

Nowhere else in the democratic world has one party had such a grip on a nation's life for so long. We have usually let that grip slip when we stopped thinking in government. The Tories are the natural party of government — 200 years of political history shows that — and generally we have done our best thinking in government.

There is no guarantee that opposition bestows self-generated political renewal. After 16 long years, Labour has paid us the ultimate political compliment of erecting its whole political platform on our foundations. If I had been told in the early 1980s that ten years later a Labour leader was to send his child to a grant-maintained school, I would have said that was about as likely as Mrs Thatcher applying to join the NUM. That is, if I had known then what a grant-maintained school was. The point is, they were not then even in the delivery suite.

Here is one example of the truth of the matter, for much of Tory education as well as other policy has been developed in government since 1979. It was not worked out according to a master plan thought up by Margaret Thatcher and Keith Joseph while locked in a room with Sir Alfred Sherman and other great thinkers of the early Tory years. Indeed, the case is that not very much happened visibly to Tory education policy until the mid-1980s. Keith Joseph was instead, as a Cabinet minister, not just clearing site-lines through the educational forest but thinking as well. So it was not until eight years after we left opposition that with considerable verve the 1988 Education Reform Act was born. Mr Baker's Act is quite as important as Mr Butler's Act ever was. It was a creation of government. And it now apparently forms the basis of Labour's education policy as well as ours.

The opposition years were vital for capitalising on the nation's mood of disenchantment with a Labour Government which wilfully stopped thinking between 1974 and 1979. Those years were also good for relining the party's war chests as the Jaguars of brilliantly successful treasurers like Alistair McAlpine purred off from Smith Square Citywards on arm-twisting expeditions. All the thinking which did go on certainly created a change in the mood music of Toryism. But the 1979 election manifesto was no detailed script for the political things to come.

It was the same with privatisation, that brilliant British idea which is sweeping the globe, admired in each hemisphere, transforming post-communist economies, and helping developing countries to develop. The concept was the fruit of some deep thought in the opposition years. But after 1979 it not only took off, it also took shape in government. Some of the techniques of privatisation were invented ingeniously on the hoof, surprising not only the enemy but the Tory party as well.

Just as the view was that the State had become too big and was crowding out the private sector, leading to the birth of privatisation, so it was also clear in the Tory opposition years that the trade unions' grip around the economic throat of the nation was far too tight. But everyone in 1978 and 1979 knew that "something had to be done" about those troublesome industrial high priests — especially Mr Callaghan and his Labour Government. The step-by-step policy of trade union reform which bestowed freedom on their members and the right to manage on managers was however, again, a creature of government. It was evolved by ministers as different as Jim Prior and Norman Tebbit.

> 'Thinking now is the recipe for electoral victory'

Tory industrial policy took off little by little in exactly the same way. Now we have a highly competitive industrial sector which is export-driven, setting international benchmarks of its own, and attracting enormous amounts of investment. This week Toyota has created more jobs in Britain. Other weeks like this will follow, such is our motor industry's competitive edge, so much so that by the very early years of the new millennium we will be making more cars than the Germans.

If the political thinking and doing trick could be performed in the 1980s and early 1990s, it certainly can in the middle of the decade. It is daft to pretend that small majorities and problems over Europe are easy things to deal with. But thinking now is the recipe for victory at the hustings of 1996 or 1997.

That thinking must be realistic. Of course people like to "feel good", but in the era of post-modern politics they increasingly wish to feel right and feel responsible as well.

The transfer of responsibility back to our people and away from big government, however well run, is a huge idea which has not in its turn begun to run its course. We have not half worked through the agenda we barely knew we had in 1979, and have largely created in the years of government since.

● *John Patten's book* Things To Come: The Tories in the 21st Century *will be published by Sinclair-Stevenson soon.*



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Canada comes of age

The halibut wars have at last made the world take notice of Ottawa

Bernard Levin

It cannot be denied, though it is a pity, that over the years Canada has had a poor image in the eyes of much of the rest of the world. It starts geographically: there is that huge mass of empty land sitting on the United States and giving it a headache, and the figures bear out the map — in Canada there are roughly two people to the square mile, but in the United States there are some 60 to the same area. (The US keeps its numbers down by encouraging millions of its citizens to shoot one another; it works well.)

Yes, but never mind the width, feel the cloth. What can Canada put forth to make the world take notice (apart from surtitles and subtitles in opera-houses, which were invented in *Canada*)?

What Canada needs is a bit of real bottle, but where is it to be found in this calm, placid and genial country? Its murder rate is shockingly low, its people are more or less fully literate, its attitude to visitors is warm and inviting, and — let us not forget — Canada came into the war, like Australia, as soon as it was declared, which could not be said, by a year and more, about America.

And just as I was despairing of Canada for ever, I heard a rumbling, then a shouting, then a cheering, then the sound of the big bang drum, and — hurrah, hurrah, and thrice hurrah — Canada is awake and roaring to go. And so am I.

It began a week or two ago, when a Spanish trawler, fishing illegally (of course it was illegal) off the coast of Newfoundland, was seized by the splendid Canadians and held, crew and all. Now I admit that I do have a problem with working out which is *my right hand and which my left*, and am frequently found searching in the atlas for, say, Vladivostok, on, say, the western side of Africa, but I am not actually barmy, and I do know that Newfoundland is not near Spain, not by many thousands of miles, so what I want to know is: the Canadian Navy fired shots across the bows of the pirate vessel to make it stop, but why didn't they immediately sink the marauder? This softness is all very well, but a couple of torpedoes (one at each side) would have been much better. Anyway, the Spanish ship — no doubt reeking of stale garlic — could be in the vicinity for one reason only: thieving. Obviously, they were waiting for dusk, when the crew would wade ashore and rob children, though only small ones. More to the point, they were — even more obviously — looking for Canadian waters which they would denude of their fish. Naturally, they would then skedaddle.

But the marvellous Canucks spat on their hands and went to work, and such work! Just listen:

> Fisheries Minister Brian Tobin said Canada would not release the Spanish vessel as demanded by the European Union. The EU also wants to allow them to fish until the fish are all gone. "I won't do that either."

Yes! Yes! We have our hearts' delight! I deliberately concealed the most wonderful news till now. This is not just a fight between the Canadians and a pack of slimy brigands, the slimy brigands in question are the entire European Union! Come on, Canada, blast them out of the water for you and us, and *please* go further and bomb Brussels.

Oh, but it gets much, much better.

> EU chief delegates met in an emergency session in Brussels . . . demanding that Canada release the *Estai*. They asked the European Commission to draw up a list of potential retaliatory measures against Canada. "It does not exclude any measure," said João Vale de Almeida, a Commission spokesman. In a strongly worded statement, the chief delegates demanded that Ottawa immediately order the release of the Spanish vessel and called the seizure "an illegal and totally unacceptable act".

Had you ever heard or seen anything so gloriously funny? No, honest — had you? I hadn't, and I haven't stopped laughing since it all started. What about that wonderful bit that went ". . . It does not exclude any measure . . ." I would love to see that Spaniard (more garlic, even more stale) with the ludicrous name quacking helplessly till he burst with impotent rage. (Incidentally, I forgot to tell you what the name of the illegal ship, the *Estai*, means. "*Estai*" in their language means "one who steals anything that is not actually nailed down, unless of course there is a dog on the premises, even a pekinese". For that matter, João Vale de Almeida means "quite astonishingly pot-bellied and greatly given to spluttering".)

And the great news is that Canada is not giving way. Those generous Canadians have today softened their stance by giving back the ship, though between you and me, I think they had to because of the garlic.

> "We don't take this action unless we're strongly provoked", said Mr Brian Tobin . . . "When we say we take a conservation method, we take it. That's not bluff . . . It's not the mark of a pirate to reach out in desperation at the eleventh hour and try to save the last stock. It's the mark of a patriot."

More! More! And there *is* more — as much more as you want, and all free! The *Estai*, when it was captured fishing illegally, was escorted to Canadian waters in Newfoundland. The bystanders there shouted angrily, and well they might, for the fish-thieves of the European Commission (and don't think that the thieving was confined to Spain: Canada's fish was being stolen wholesale) were impoverishing many Canadians. Nor did the bystanders confine themselves to shouting: the captain of the *Estai* was, I am delighted to say, pelted with eggs, and — wonderful upon wonderful — it is possible that one of them hit the Spanish Ambassador. Even if he was missed, the German Ambassador definitely *was* hit, and with a name like his — Hans-Gunther Sulimma — he deserved it. (Mind you, the French Ambassador is called Alfred Siefer-Gaillardin: I take it he made himself scarce when the eggs were flying.)

Bravo Canada! I have made mock of Canada's enemies in this business, but I am certainly aware of two very important matters that came up among the laughter. One is that Canada will no longer be shrugged off as a nursery country which can be ignored when serious arguments are on the table. The other — and for us in Europe it is enormously important — is the startling impotence that was demonstrated by the EU, when a serious man in a serious country said "No". The Canadians have softened their line there, too, but be sure that they are not going to surrender.

> Diet von Kyaw [where do they get such names, for pity's sake?], the German Ambassador to the EU, said: "We have decided to block the dialogue with Canada in all areas, until the *Estai* is freed."

But, you ridiculous Kraut, are you so thick that you don't even understand that the jackboo — er, that is to say the slipper — is now on the other leg? The Canadians can switch off their threats and switch them back whenever they please, and leave that ghastly woman called Bonino or Mussolini or something, who goes about screaming and jabbering about "organised piracy", to her own devices.

That's nothing; listen to this.

> The EU ambassadors decided not to impose economic sanctions. As a first step, the EU suspended a scientific agreement with Canada last week.

The Canadians, doubtless not wanting a war, even a small one, have softened their position. There may be a stand-off, but I bet the Canucks won't give in until their position is secure.

> The EU is still evaluating the impact of sanctions. Since Europe runs an annual trade surplus with Canada — amounting to £486 million in 1993 — sanctions could harm the Europeans more.

Oh, Canada, Canada! You slept long, but you are awake now, never to sleep again. Just imagine a parallel situation in Britain, starting with the Minister of Fisheries. But you don't need to do any imagining, because it has just been done: our Minister (some creep called Michael Jack) retreated behind waffle like "precipitate action on the high seas would help no one". Which, of course, in Michael-Jack-creep language, means that whatever Brussels orders in this business Jack will do as he is told. And as for Sir Leon Brittan . . .

Now put that crew beside the tremendous Brian Tobin, and tell me that if Canada has awoken, assuredly Britain has gone to sleep.

I can do better than that, unfortunately. While Tremendous Tobin was laying down the law, his Prime Minister, Jean Chretien, "has steadfastly supported the strong-arm tactics employed by Brian Tobin". Do you think that in a similar situation our stick of melting liquorice would be so loyal? Yes? No? You are both wrong: he would have scuttled to safety long before.

Philip Howard



■ Today red-faced cliché droppers will pay the price

So Radio 4 is running a cliché purge for Red Nose Day. So radio may not be the best medium for publicising generous but foolish red noses, ghastlier even on motor cars than on professional clowns. So Red Nose Day has stolen the thunder of April Fool's Day.

So, as a contribution to the rubicund-conk charity, listeners to the BBC today get a chance to sound off about pet aversions that make their blood boil, their flesh creep and their bloodshot eyes, like stars, start from their spheres, from that "feel-good" factor and "very bossily now, I am afraid I shall have to hurry you" to the ubiquitous little conjunction "so", used to kick-start every question and intended to introduce an air of logical consequence to an otherwise random and blunderbuss interrogation.

So every time a presenter drops one of the programme's nominated clichés, he or she will pay a £1 fine to Red Nose. So will this be the end of broadcasting as we know it? So will not the Anna and John (and Jim and Sue and Peter) *Today* show meet with an untimely end and come to a grinding halt if starved of the oxygen of cliché and the clear blue water of urgent waffle between it and less excitable programmes? How can they set the agenda for the day and steal the bottom line from the leaders in the morning newspapers without their trusty sword of cliché?

Those who live by the cliché shall perish by the cliché even on a level playing field. And those of us who make our living by recycling old clichés are foolish to invite public criticism of our MO (a *modus operandi* abbreviated cliché). The public is going to do that anyway, even without invitation.

The manner of broadcasting what are received as clichés, mispronunciations and solecisms annoys many listeners more than the matter of what is struggling towards the microphone. "Prevaricate" when he means "procrastinate", indeed! When any politician says "The fact of the matter is" you know that what follows neither is factual nor has relevance to the matter in hand.

Having said that, when all is said and done, it is crystal-clear that many of the complainers are projecting their complaints about life onto the imperfect language of extemporary broadcasters. Take away the clichés from *Today*, and *Thought for the Day* will have to run for three-quarters of an hour. And if we prune that inset programme of pious platitudes, hung by a slender thread from a fragile topical peg, the weather forecast will have to run and run as if there were no tomorrow.

However, this will not matter, because the shipping forecast is nothing but systematised cliché, with its comforting incantation about the Butt of Lewis lighthouse and other poetic place names. The point of weather forecasts, like the stock clichés in epic poetry, is that they are formulaic murmurs that pass through the mind without causing a ripple.

At that moment in time, at the end of the day, and indeed at either end of the day, we do not want John Birt's "overbearing and sneering" clichés to make us sit up. We want to curl under the duvet for a while longer, relieved to be missing the force-10 gales at Sole or possibly Seoul, and dreamily wondering how to spell the rune that sounds like north Uzzeera, and how you might know you were there rather than at south Uzzeera.

At this defining moment in time, every man Jack and every Tom, Deirdre and Harriet, every principle of decency and humanity, and the whole of Auntie Beeb from the grass roots to the cutting edge of the mahogany corridor at Broadcasting House, are agreed again and again on unimpeachable authority that your common-or-garden cliché is a flat, stale and unprofitable blot on the radioscape, to be avoided once and for all by all good men and true in the ongoing chattering classes situation.

My friends, before dealing with that, let me just nail this lie. Contrary to popular mythology, clichés are the comfort blankets of public intercourse. Grasp, I beseech you, with both hands the salient Mission Statement that in a caring society we need more bespoke clichés rather than the off-the-peg variety. Why not try "he hit the Government for *seven*" or "the road to heaven also is paved with good intentions"? If hacks were licensed to use only phrases that had never been used before, the broadcasting waves would fall silent.

Man can bear only a little original thought, especially when engaged in as idle an activity as listening to the radio. We want to chug along gently while shaving or searching for matching socks without being constantly made to think.

Once a year *Today* may try to purge itself of clichés, but let me finish by reminding you that in the last analysis what the punters want is to tune in tomorrow morning at 6.30: same time, same wavelength, same jokes, same presenters, and same dear old clichés.

Gas mark No 10

THE EARNING power of Cedric Brown was forgotten temporarily at a party on Wednesday night. The chief executive of British Gas was being entertained at Number 10 Downing Street.

The occasion, apparently fixed up before John Major suggested legislative backing to curb executive pay deals, was a leaving do for Jonathan Hill, political adviser to the Prime Minister.

Major has met the chief executive at previous functions — some in Huntingdon — but this was the first time the two had come face-to-face since the PM described huge pay deals as distasteful.

Partygoers were apprehensive about a confrontation between the PM and Brown, whose £475,000 salary is supplemented by a share-based bonus worth £593,000 and considerable share options.

But the couple passed, as they say, like ships in the night, giving Brown time to rub shoulders with all manner of other luminaries such as former Ministers Francis Maude (well paid) and Tristan Garel-Jones, with no sign of hostility. "It was a private reception to which Jonathan Hill's friends were invited," explains Brown's spokeswoman at British Gas. "Cedric Brown is a friend of Jonathan's."

Green gills

IT MUST be something about the Finns. After this column reported how Finland's Ambassador, Leif Blomqvist, sat through a diplomatic dinner with a menu balanced on his head, eccentricity appears to hit again — this time in Helsinki.

To celebrate St Patrick's Day today, Molly Malone's pub in the Finnish capital is selling 1,000 gallons of green beer. Guinness did not take to the dye, but a Finnish lager, La Pin Kulta, will be served in Ireland's traditional emerald, by staff clad in green and decorated with green balloons. "I've tried it and it hasn't affected the taste," pledges publican Petri Naumanen. "In fact everything here is green."



Rise and shine

A ROYAL introduction welcomed listeners to Radio 4 this morning: "Um. Hello. It's ten past six, time for *Farming Today*, so wake up everybody. Wake up geraniums and wake up all the plants. Make sure they are listening for Comic Relief."

An announcer reported the departure of His Royal Highness from the studio, then plunged into the fodder of the day: potato thefts followed by an item on artificial insemination problems among sows.

Had the Prince of Wales tuned in, he would have been bemused. His introduction was the work of Rory Bremner, the television impressionist, who was making his debut on the earthy programme.

● *Lord McAlpine's suggestion that the Government should lose the next election brings to mind a throwaway remark he once made: "One of my great problems is that the person who runs Macallan's malt whisky, which I love, is a dead ringer for John Major. It rather puts me off the drink."*

Winning tape

MASTER Oats's victory at Cheltenham yesterday caused a bit of a rumpus in the winner's enclosure after the Gold Cup because of the introduction of video technology.

For the first time, winning trainers, jockey and their friends were able to watch their race played back on video with champagne in a private room. Trouble was, they didn't want to leave.

"The Gold Cup winner's party wanted to watch over and over again," said a sweating steward. "We had to get them out to tape the next race, then we had the winner of that one knocking on the door, but they were still going strong. The next lot ended up going off to the royal box."

● *Horror among the wine buffs at London Fashion Week as Ben de Lisi showed his collection. Glitterati were handed designer straws to sup their champagne. "We shuddered," cried Piper-Heidsieck, the show's sponsors. "But the lipstick remained unsmudged."*

Taking a lead

SIR HUMPHRY Wakefield of Chillingham Castle in Northumberland has turned to the breeding charts to beat off burglars. He is developing a new dog, the Chillingham bull mastiff. Its tactic: playful enthusiasm.

"They assault people in friendship, hold onto clothes and won't let go," he says of his boxer crosses profiled in this week's *Country Life*. "Hit them on the head and they think it's a tremendous joke, terribly funny. They just close their eyes and cling on tighter."

An embryonic breed, their Cruft's debut is some way off. Numbers are low and there have been casualties. "Very sad. One was run over by a shooting bus, another failed to recover from bee stings and died of hepatitis. Now I've got three left," he said. "They've got a small gene pool but so did the Rothschilds. And look at Jacob. He's formidable."



Sir Humphry dogging around

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THE DE GAULLE STAKES

Where dressage becomes a steeplechase and is not slowing yet

The French presidential elections are this year's most important European political event. The end of the Mitterrand years means inevitable change for France — and not only for France. All national elections differ in their impact on people's lives; and in France, the head of state continues to an exceptional degree to set the tone of political and social debate. It is the French public's sense that things must be different that has given Jacques Chirac's populist nationalism the edge over his conservative rival, Edouard Balladur — and has inflicted such a handicap on the Socialist, Lionel Jospin, who cannot but seek to defend the record of 14 years under a Socialist President.

The future character of the European Union is also at issue. The departure of Jacques Delors from Brussels, the first signs of Helmut Kohl's own *fin de regne* in Germany, and weak governments everywhere else will give the new occupant of the Elysée a chance to reassert the sway over the European agenda which France has always felt to be its natural perquisite. But on Europe, a faultline running through French politics as through politics here, little clarity can be expected. The main contenders are determined not to allow Germany's enthusiasm for political union to cast a shadow over their chances. Their themes have been resolutely domestic.

Since M Balladur's huge lead disappeared in a trail of scandal, ineptly handled, a political race which began with all the sedateness of a dressage contest has acquired the thrill of a steeplechase. But it was not until yesterday that M Chirac vaulted the hurdle of European policy which had seemed most likely to put at risk his recent surge into the lead. The balance he must strike between Euro-sceptics in his own RPR and the integrationists who have rallied to him from the centre-Right is as complex as any John Major faces.

Astutely, he managed to combine a pledge "to reconcile the French with one another about Europe and reconcile the French with Europe", with an extension to the European arena of the highly effective attack he has mounted in the French domestic context on the "technocracy" which M Balladur has the misfortune to incarnate. "A people's Europe" is safe, he says — particularly when allied with proposals to enhance the power of governments and national parliaments over the European Commission.

By promising a "great national debate" over monetary union, M Chirac may succeed in deferring one until well after the second and decisive round of voting on May 7. M Chirac remains entirely orthodox on the primacy to be accorded to the Franco-German "couple". But for now, the message is leavened with Gaullist echoes of France's "unique role in the world".

To describe the election campaign as a battle for the future of Gaullism may seem far-fetched. It is 21 years since France last had a Gaullist President — and 25 since de Gaulle was buried. President Mitterrand has done much, in his 14 years in the Elysée, to fillet the Fifth Republic of its ancestral bones. But the essence of the Gaullist legacy — strong president, weak parliament and powerful bureaucracy — has survived. So have unstable parties and volatile voters. Gaullism, to which both M Balladur and M Chirac lay claim, has the appeal of suggesting a new "mission for France".

M Chirac plays this psychological game far better than the Prime Minister. His assault on "conservatism, with its half-measures and inadequate reforms" aims at the large numbers of French people whose disgust with the entire structure and conduct of French politics finds its main outlet in street protests and votes for fringe politicians. But many of these same people feel threatened by change; so he has also revived the "social vocation" of early Gaullism. His opponents accuse him of being all things to all men. But that, in the troubled state of French society, could be his greatest asset.

NEW SLATES FOR OLD

A few small flaws in the McAlpine plan

"There is a huge potential if this country will keep its nerve, grasp the opportunities, maintain its competitiveness and go for it," said Michael Heseltine yesterday. Substitute "party" for "country", and there is still some plausible case for recovery in the Government's fortunes. Many Tories, however, have lost their nerve — and the will either to compete with Labour or to "go for it".

A few console themselves with the perilous notion that Opposition would do the Conservatives good. Lord McAlpine, former party treasurer and devotee of Margaret Thatcher, is today the most prominent of this persuasion. He calls himself a "clean slate man" — he wants this Cabinet out of office so that "a charismatic leader, a sort of John the Baptist" can rescue the party.

It is easy to sympathise with his frustration, somewhat harder to share his analysis. During the Reagan era in the United States it was a commonly expressed view on the right that four years of Jimmy Carter was a small price to have paid for eight years of a true Conservative leader. But before the 1976 election, the number of Conservatives who actively helped President Ford to defeat by the peanut farmer from Georgia was small. Hindsight can be good for boosting party morale: but it is also a great deceiver.

It is certainly possible to look back and identify elections which might have been better lost. If Labour had won in 1992, for example, it would have had to devalue sterling, raise taxes and cut public spending. The Tories could have made hay with Labour's economic incompetence, and would probably by now be looking forward to re-election. But to predict the desirability of defeat at future elections is far more perilous. The Conservative party could readily split asunder if it lost power. Labour, under a more attractive leader, will inherit a far healthier economy than in 1992. The Tories — or what would be left of them — could be in the wilderness for several terms.

Nor is opposition necessarily the fertile ground for ideas that Lord McAlpine and his like-minded friends proclaim. It is fashionable now to look back to the years between 1974 and 1979 as a time when new Conservative policies sprouted in profusion. Like many myths, it is only partially true. As John Patten describes on the opposite page, the new ideological sprouts were far from clear to those fighting against Labour at the time. Many of the best ideas, such as privatisation, emerged only in the first few years of government. Mrs Thatcher travelled light in Opposition; her 1979 manifesto promised little of the revolution that was to come.

Lord McAlpine is a great character and an engaging thinker whose loyalty to Lady Thatcher is well nigh unsurpassed. But his "clean slate" does not command the support of more than a small fraction of right-wing opinion. Some of its supporters are the embittered who have never forgiven Lady Thatcher's colleagues for deposing her: they wish defeat on John Major even more than they do on Tony Blair. Some see loss of power as an opportunity to put their man, Michael Portillo, into the leadership. Others, deploying the Machiavellian skill that Lord McAlpine himself has described in his books, hope that defeatist talk may cause a leadership battle before the election.

In the current Conservative mood almost anything is possible. But whether there exists a figure who can return from the wilderness to lead a Tory victory is doubtful indeed. The more likely beneficiary would be one of the very "old slate" whose members Lord McAlpine so despises.

TRANSPARENT NOSES

Greater openness will benefit charities and their donors

Today's cavalcade of fundraising activities in aid of Comic Relief will once again entertain the nation, dominate the day's television and — we hope — inspire new heights of generosity. In the ten years of its existence, Red Nose Day has raised almost £100 million and become a fixture in the national calendar. Comic Relief's raucous style is not to everybody's taste; but its spirit is profoundly British, typical of a nation which treasures its charitable events and institutions.

The manner in which this particular charity has managed its affairs has been widely admired. Yet not all charities have had such a happy experience in recent years. In particular, the competition for donations is growing ever more fierce. There are now more than 170,000 registered charities. The National Lottery will benefit charities in the long term; but, in the short term, it will simply draw funds away from them.

As a result, charities have turned increasingly to more inventive fundraising techniques, such as telephone marketing, and have spent more of their resources on professional fundraising groups. This is often money well spent: in a minority of cases, however, its rewards have been less obvious. Earlier this month, new regulations required by the 1992 Charities Act came into force which should help to address these concerns. Professional fundraisers must now make clear how their work will benefit charities and what commission they will be paid for running an appeal. Any business involved in fundraising must have a written agreement with the charity. Donors who pledge £50 or more to a professional fundraiser as a result of a telephone or broadcast appeal will be entitled to change their mind within seven days.

Such measures, it has been argued, will stifle spontaneity. The right to a refund, for instance, will create more administration for charities since, after an event such as Red Nose Day, all donors who have promised more than £50 will have to be phoned back to be informed of this entitlement. On balance, however, the new regulations are extremely welcome. The mechanisms monitoring charities are immeasurably stronger than they used to be. The Charity Commission has been given greater powers to investigate charities, which are now required to produce proper accounts for inspection by donors.

Better training for trustees — many of whom face a daunting administrative task — is also being promoted. Charities need an understanding of best practice as much as they need goodwill. Such measures will encourage greater public trust; that can only be good for the causes which charities such as Comic Relief represent so vigorously.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Conservation nub of fish dispute

From the Director, World Wide Fund for Nature

Sir, The release by the Canadians of the Spanish trawler has been hailed by the European Fisheries officials as a victory (report, March 16). It is, of course, no such thing. It merely allows the Spanish boats to continue their pillage with impunity. The losers, as always, are the fish stocks.

As your leader (March 14) correctly states, the dispute of the Canadian Grand Banks is at its core a conservation issue, despite the political and legal arguments advanced by the European Union. Of all developed nations, Canada has been the most active in conserving its fish stocks, and understandably resents seeing its commitment undermined by other countries that show no such responsibility.

Over the past year, there have been more than twenty disputes between nations over fishing rights, and these will accelerate as countries squabble over declining stocks. What is needed is an enforceable global fisheries management treaty that will both regulate access and promote conservation.

The UN Conference on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks (what an arcane title!) is due to reconvene in New York on March 22. WWF has been pressing the conference to agree strong enforcement measures for the management of stocks in international waters against the combined opposition of the main fishing nations, not least the European Union. It will be interesting to see whether the Canadian experience will in any way modify the EU stance.

Yours sincerely,
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Catteshall Lane,
Godalming, Surrey.
March 16.

Meat and two parrots

From Mr Charles Lyte

Sir, *The Grocer*, essential reading for the shopping classes, announced on March 4 that a cross between a parsnip and a carrot (a parrot, perhaps) could soon be on the supermarket shelves. It is called, according to the report, the Hamburg parsley.

It is in fact a parsley (*Petroselinum crispum* var. *Tuberosum*), otherwise known as the turnip-rooted parsley or Hamburg parsley. The nearest it is to a carrot or parsnip is by being part of a vast botanical family, the Umbelliferae.

Philip Miller described it in his classic *The Gardeners Dictionary*, first published in 1731, and nearly two pages are devoted to it in the English translation of *The Vegetable Garden* by "MM" Vilmorin-Andrieux, first published in 1885. Like many others I have grown and eaten this delicious vegetable with its faint flavour of parsley and aniseed for years.

I merely write this to avert unruly scenes in the vegetable departments of supermarkets among customers eager for a miracle of genetic engineering.

Yours faithfully,
CHARLES LYTE,
Carters Corner Place,
Cowbeech, East Sussex.

Beach combings

From Mr Edward Pond

Sir, You reported on March 13 that seaborne debris from Canada is being washed up on Scottish beaches. On March 14, at Stackhouse Cove on the Lizard, Cornwall, I found a very water-weary leather football marked "Bermuda Department of Education — striving towards excellence". Should I send it back?

Yours etc,
EDWARD POND,
The Coach House,
99 Blackheath Park, SE3.

Adams and Anglo-US relationship

From Mr Timothy W. Sewell

Sir, President Clinton's meetings with Gerry Adams in Washington (report, March 16) have significance way beyond the confines of the Irish question. They neatly demonstrate the reality of the "special relationship" so beloved of successive British governments.

Consider on the one hand the US Government's crass fear of offending the sensibilities of the Japanese by celebrating their defeat 50 years ago. Sensibilities, let it be noted, of a nation which has never adequately acknowledged or expressed contrition for its appalling war crimes.

In contrast there are the perfectly proper and rational objections of the British Government to Adams being given the opportunity of posturing as a peacemaker and collecting funds, neither of which is likely to calm Unionist fears or to advance the delicate peace process. The President's electoral prospects are all-important and do not take account of broader issues.

It is clear that the "special relationship" from an American perspective is the assurance that come what may the British will play the poodle and the odd kick will have no long-term effect. From the British angle the relationship has been an escape from reality, a belief that in a hostile world America will always turn up, eventually, to save us.

It is really time for the UK to realise that the future is within Europe among equals. Fifty years after the end of the Second World War we must let go of Uncle Sam's coat-tails.

Yours faithfully,
TIMOTHY W. SEWELL,
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March 16.

From Mrs Doreen Thompson

Sir, I do not think that the growing rift between Britain and America can be blamed solely on the respective Governments.

I lived in California for over twenty years, and I rarely encountered the kind of vitriolic reporting about Britain that is evident here in the reporting of news from the United States.

Many thousands of American tourists visit this country every year, they read newspapers and watch television, and often find themselves subjected to selective and negatively biased reports from our press and media about their homeland.

If the ties that bind do eventually stretch to breaking-point, then the press will be at least partly to blame.

Yours sincerely,
DOREEN THOMPSON,
14 Avocet Mews, SE28.
March 15.

From Mr Thomas Hutchison McFadden

Sir, There are plenty of us Irish Americans who love Great Britain and, conscious of an incalculable debt to you British, do not welcome deterioration of the friendship implicit in the "special relationship".

At the same time, we welcome Gerry Adams *not* because of Irish-American nostalgia but because he has brought peace, despite generations of British brutality against our ancestors, for which frank British apologies are uncharacteristically slow in coming.

Respectfully submitted,
THOMAS H. McFADDEN,
Pembroke College, Oxford.
March 13.

Charity fundraising

From Mr Richard Radcliffe

Sir, John Gray of the British Red Cross Society (letter, March 16) says: "It is crucial that the British public channel funds to organisations that have been well established, which have low cost-income ratios and are able to deliver services too." He is in a comfortable position to say this, but I bet his predecessor 125 years ago, when the Red Cross was founded, was not.

According to the register of the Charity Commission, 82 per cent of all 172,000 charities have an income of less than £100,000. Presumably, in John Gray's mind, these are not well established.

What we should strive to do is to help educate charities in methods of good practice (in terms of trusteeship, management and fundraising) so that they are given an opportunity to become established.

If the British public only gave to well established charities then the heart of the charitable sector would stop beating.

Yours faithfully,
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March 16.

Unconverted

From Lord Sterling of Plaistow

Sir, The item on the front page of your earlier editions today, "P&O chief 'will work with Blair' ", may be misunderstood. Let me make my position clear. I am a Conservative and that is how I vote.

I support the Conservative Government because I consider its policies good for business. On Wednesday I was asked: "If there were a Labour government and it led a similar trade delegation [to Israel] would I participate?" I said: "Yes, if it had sensible policies for business."

Yours faithfully,
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Competence in the law

From Mr L. J. Bloomfield

Sir, Mr Barry Shaw [letter, March 9, other letters, March 15] is quite correct in his view of the vagaries of the Law Society's "market forces" procedure for recruitment into the solicitors' profession.

On the very day you published his letter, a meeting of the society's council overwhelmingly approved in principle a new scheme by which the society would confer a "quality certificate" upon those firms of solicitors which, in the society's view, achieve a high standard of competence in conveyancing or other disciplines such as probate.

These certificates, so it was said, would save members of the public the time and trouble of deciding for themselves which firm to use.

Just what criteria would be applied by the society had yet to be decided. One council member sounded a note of disagreement and inquired why the society should not be content instead to rely solely upon reputation and market forces as the surest guide for clients' choice, but his standpoint found scarcely any support.

"Market forces", it seems, are selective in their application.

Yours faithfully,
L. J. BLOOMFIELD
(Honorary Auditor),
The Law Society,
28 Old Brompton Road,
South Kensington, SW7.

De mortuis . . .

From Field Marshal Sir John Stanier, Constable of the Tower of London

Sir, Fred Mulley may not have been the greatest Minister of Defence, nor was his a government which cared much for its armed forces. But nobody who devoted his life to public service, as Fred did, deserves to be so cruelly remembered.

The picture of him which you published today, accompanying your obituary, was for the news of the day, not for the recollection of the dead.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN STANIER,
HM Tower of London, EC3.
March 16.

Concern for future of Radio Oxford

From the Bishop of Oxford and others

Sir, We are concerned about the proposed closure of BBC Radio Oxford and its merger with Radio Berkshire. We feel strongly that this will destroy an important, long established and successful service for the people of Oxfordshire. Its proposed replacement with a station serving a quasi-regional Thames Valley cannot possibly succeed, and would be in direct conflict with the BBC's most recent strategy review which advocates more responsive local programming.

Oxford is a unique international centre and for the city not to have a local BBC radio station would be remarkable. A merger could also have national implications. There are already rumours that the BBC has plans to combine other local radio stations around the country. If this current proposal is allowed to go ahead, then other areas could be next in line for regionalisation.

We ask the BBC to think again about its service here in Oxfordshire which brings so much pleasure to so many thousands of people.

Yours sincerely,
†RICHARD OXON:,
DAVID W. ASTOR
(Oxfordshire farmer),
DAVID BRYER
(Director, Oxfam),
COLIN DEXTER
(Creator of *Inspector Morse*),
PATRICK NAIRNE
(Master, St Catherine's College, Oxford, 1981-88),
PETER NORTH
(Vice-Chancellor, Oxford University),
PLUMB
(MEP for Cotswolds),
ANDREW SMITH
(MP for Oxford East),
c/o Diocesan Church House,
North Hinksey, Oxford.
March 14.

Threat to tunnel

From the President of the Newcomen Society and others

Sir, Mr Stephen Dorrell, the Heritage Secretary, has announced that in future the public will be consulted before the Government lists buildings to protect them from demolition or alteration (report, March 9). We welcome this move, particularly in the light of an anomaly in the present system which threatens an outstanding monument of international importance, the Thames Tunnel.

Built by Marc Isambard Brunel in 1825-43 between Wapping and Rotherhithe, the Thames Tunnel was the world's first underwater tunnel and was only made possible by Brunel's invention of the tunnelling shield, the origin of all modern tunnelling machinery. It is shortly to be refurbished by London Underground Ltd, when the bore will be lined with concrete, thus obliterating the original construction which, with routine maintenance, has adequately coped with its environment for 150 years.

Although the portal and stairs at the Wapping end have been listed as being of special architectural and historical interest, the tunnel bore itself, by an anomaly, has been excluded; no alteration is therefore open to scrutiny or to proper and informed discussion by the bodies set up to protect our national heritage.

Unless the Thames Tunnel is listed immediately, it will suffer drastic and irreversible disfiguration.

Yours etc,
E. F. CLARK
(The Newcomen Society),
NEIL COSSONS
(The Science Museum),
WILLIAM FILMER-SANKEY
(The Victorian Society),
DENIS SMITH
(Panel for Historic Engineering Works, Institution of Civil Engineers),
c/o The Newcomen Society for the Study of the History of Engineering and Technology,
The Science Museum,
Exhibition Road, SW7.

Silencing Sir John

From Mr Frank Nunneley

Sir, I am puzzled. Dr Bland writes (letter, March 13) that the result of the inquiry into the structure of local government cannot be described as the will of the people because most "were bored by the questions" whilst others "were baffled by the intangible options and doubtful cost projections". Sounds like a general election to me.

Yours faithfully,
FRANK NUNNELEY,
Fairfield, Horseshoe Lane,
Beckley, Rye, East Sussex.

Rate for the job

From Mr Peter Mottley

Sir, Presumably the retired Colonel Norman (letter, March 15) would agree that what was once his own "mammoth industry" could find "at least half a dozen young, eager and competent men or women willing and able to do the top job at half the salary". Of course it *could* — but would it be wise?

Yours etc,
PETER MOTTLEY,
9 Aston Close,
Pangbourne, Berkshire.

Hong Kong policy

From Sir Robin McLaren

Sir, Mr Bernard Levin has taken some words of mine as a peg on which to hang one of his periodic denunciations of the "treachery" of the British Government over Hong Kong ("The seeds of betrayal", March 10), although he acknowledges that he may have done so unfairly.

The words he quotes were used in answer to questions after a lecture which I gave at the University of Hong Kong in November last year. Neither the lecture, which dealt with the central place which Hong Kong has occupied in Sino-British relations over the years, nor my subsequent remarks seem to have provoked in Hong Kong the indignation which Mr Levin has chosen to heap upon them.

Mr Levin regards my CV as "amazingly revealing", trotting out his familiar thesis that knowledge of China and experience of negotiating with Chinese officials go hand in hand with a chronic tendency to appeasement. How much easier to deal with China from a position of principled ignorance. Inconvenient facts of geography and history can then be brushed aside.

I spent more of my official career living in Hong Kong than in China. Over the past 35 years I have watched the territory grow and flourish and have rejoiced in its success. Like successive ministers and governors, I am at least as concerned as Mr Levin that the people of Hong Kong should retain their freedoms and way of life after 1997. How best to preserve them is the question.

The 1984 Joint Declaration provided a good framework; like it or not, co-operation with China is necessary to put its provisions into effect. Achieving that co-operation has proved hard going, particularly since 1989. That does not make it any the less important.

Inveighing against "brutes and tyrants" in Peking no doubt makes Mr Levin feel better, but moral outrage is not an adequate basis for policy when the future of six million people is at stake.

Yours faithfully,
ROBIN McLAREN
(British Ambassador to China, 1991-94),
United Oxford & Cambridge University Club,
71 Pall Mall, SW1.

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From Mr Tom Hawkins

Sir, If Bernard Levin lives in a leasehold apartment, I hope if or when he negotiates a new lease with his landlord he will use more temperate language than that he applies to the Chinese over Hong Kong. Otherwise he too may discover that the landlord has more power than the tenant.

Most of Hong Kong was leased to Britain in the middle of the 19th century at a time when Britannia ruled the waves and had a powerful Empire. Subsequent Chinese governments have persistently questioned the validity of these leases. They gave advance notice that when the leases ran out they would repossess the territory held by the United Kingdom.

They have always refused our offers of a joint Chinese/British administration after 1997.

We might accuse the Chinese of all sorts of nasty things, as Bernard Levin does, but over Hong Kong they are perfectly within their rights as landlords. Sir Robin McLaren and the Foreign Office have dealt with the inevitable and made the best deal they could.

Yours,
T. H. HAWKINS,
Virginia Beeches,
Callow Hill, Virginia Water, Surrey.
March 11.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
March 16: His Excellency Mr Tádé Alföldy was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Republic of Hungary to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the Embassy: Mr József Hajgató (Minister, Deputy Head of Mission), Dr Jenő Hámori (Counsellor, Commercial Section), Colonel László Hajdú (Defence Attaché), Mrs Márta Szegvári (Commercial Counsellor), Mr Gábor Turi (Counsellor, Cultural Affairs), Mr György Kórösi (Counsellor), Dr István Gerelyes (Counsellor, Head of Consular Section) and Mr György Odze (Counsellor, Press).

Mrs Alföldy was also received by Her Majesty.

Sir John Coles (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present and the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

Mr John Illman was received in audience by The Queen and kissed hands upon his appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Republic of Peru.

Mrs Illman was also received by Her Majesty.

The Queen received Fellows participating in the Commonwealth Foundation Fellowship Scheme to promote Commonwealth Understanding.

Dr Humayun Khan (Director of the Commonwealth Foundation) was present.

The Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Dominica was received by Her Majesty.

By Command of The Queen, the Baroness Trumpington (Baroness in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this evening upon the Departure of The President of the Republic of the Philippines and Mrs Ramos and bade farewell to His Excellency and Mrs Ramos on behalf of Her Majesty.

March 16: The Princess Royal today visited Gloucestershire and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant (Mr Henry Elwes).

Her Royal Highness this morning visited Sir Thomas Rich's School, Oakleaze, Longlevens, Gloucester.

The Princess Royal, President, Save the Children Fund, later visited the fund's shop at 2 Regent Street, Cheltenham.

Mrs Timothy Holderness-Roddam was in attendance.

Her Royal Highness this afternoon presented the Ritz Club Charity Trophy at the Cheltenham National Hunt Racing Festival, Cheltenham Racecourse.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
March 16: The Prince of Wales this morning visited Fez.

His Royal Highness this afternoon visited the offices of the British Council in Rabat.

The Prince of Wales this evening attended a Reception given by Her Majesty's Ambassador to the Kingdom of Morocco (Sir Allan Ramsay).

Afterwards His Royal Highness attended a Banquet given by The Crown Prince.

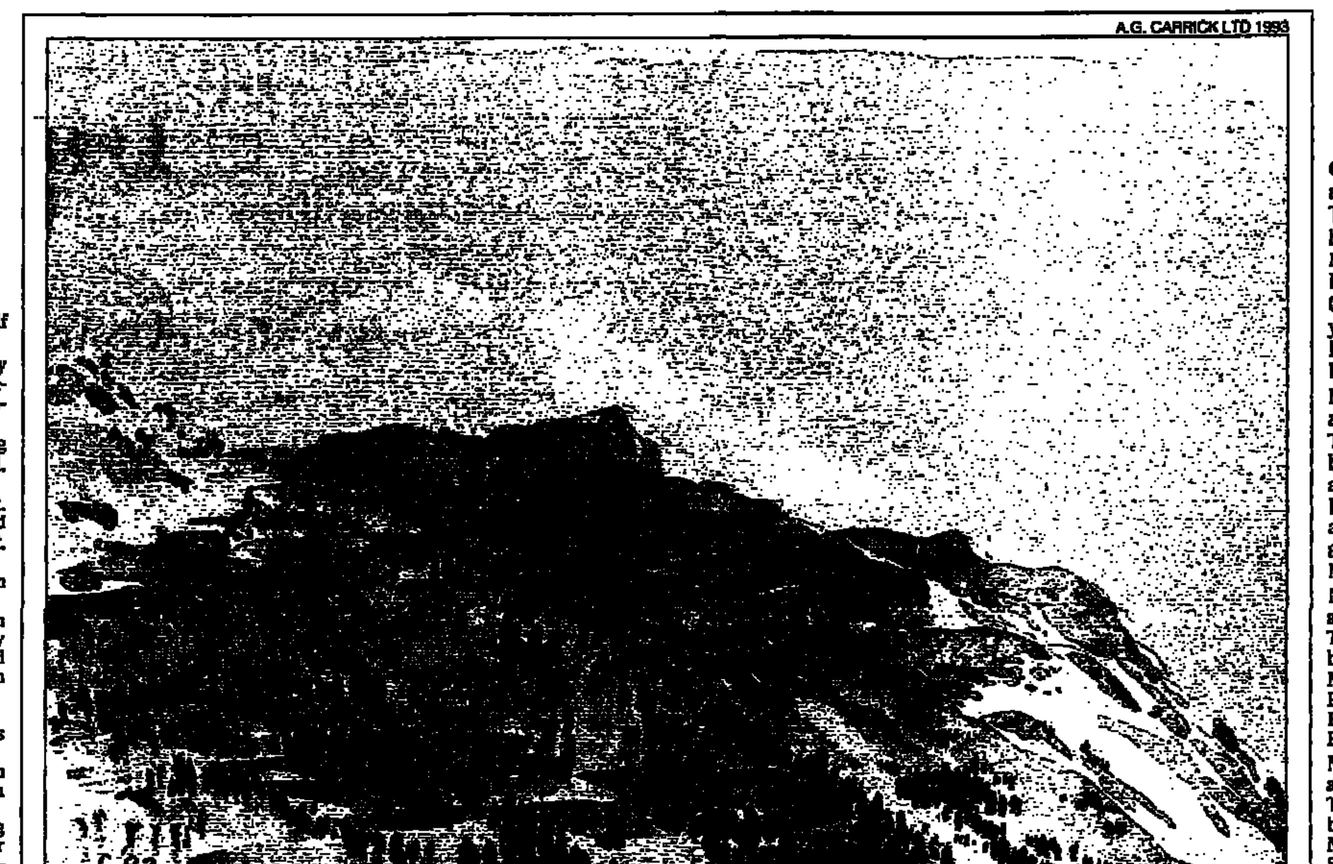
KENSINGTON PALACE
March 16: The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester were present this evening at a Dinner given by His Excellency The Ambassador of France at 11 Kensington Palace Gardens, London W8.

Mrs Euan McCorquodale and Major Nicholas Barne were in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
March 16: The Duke of Kent, Patron, the British Computer Society, this morning launched the BCSNet Link to the Internet, IBM (UK) Limited, Upper Ground, London SE1.

His Royal Highness, Trustee, this evening attended a dinner, the Science Museum, Exhibition Road, London SW7.

Mr Nicolas Adamson was in attendance.



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Prince's picture of deadly mountains goes on show

THIS PAINTING by the Prince of Wales of the mountains which claimed the life of his friend Major Hugh Lindsay went on public display yesterday. The watercolour was painted by the Prince in 1993 during a holiday in the Swiss ski resort of Klosters, where Major Lindsay died in an avalanche five years earlier while out skiing off-piste with the Prince. It is among almost 200 paintings which went on show at the Bankside Gallery, London, in the Royal Watercolour Society's spring exhibition. The Prince, a keen artist, is an honorary member of the society. His painting is called Horli from Klosters — Horli is the name of a mountain — and is signed "C93".



The Prince of Wales painting at Klosters last year

Forthcoming marriages

Captain E.G.St.J. Brockman, RA, and Miss M.H. Fernée
The engagement is announced between Edward, son of the late Mr Ian Brockman and Mrs Ian Brockman, of Ogbourne St George, Wiltshire, and Miranda, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Philip Fernée, of Grantham, Lincolnshire.

Mr J.S. Coomber and Miss N. Adgey-Edgar
The engagement is announced between Jeremy, only son of Mr and Mrs Brian E. Coomber, of Peterborough, Cambridgeshire, and Nathalie, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan G. Adgey-Edgar, of Maidenhead, Berkshire.

Mr J.W.A. Heron and Miss P.N. Pritchard
The engagement is announced between John, only son of Dr and Mrs Ivan Heron, of Truro, and Philippa, younger daughter of Mr Paul Pritchard and Mrs Naomi Pritchard, of Yeovil.

Mr A.P. Hunter and Miss S.C. Chesson
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs A.P. Hunter, of Bristol, and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs P. Chesson, of Doncaster.

Mr E.J. Kirwan and Miss J. Harnett
The engagement is announced between Edward, son of Mr and Mrs Ernest O'G. Kirwan, of Radlett, Hertfordshire, and Jacinta, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.J. Harnett, of Newcastle West, Limerick, Eire.

Mr K. Myhre and Miss S.M. Hammond
The engagement is announced between Kim, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Myhre, of Cinnaminson, New Jersey, USA, and Susanna Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs Timothy Hammond, of Colemans Hatch, East Sussex.

Mr W.O. Nash and Miss I.M. Pennington
The engagement is announced between William, eldest son of Mr Howard Nash, of Kensington, London and the late Jennifer Fenwick, and Isobel, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Nicholas Pennington, of Killearn, Stirlingshire.

Mr J.H.A. Lloyd and Miss C.M. Staunton
The engagement is announced between Jonathan Harry Ayshford, younger son of Captain John Lloyd, MC, and the late Mrs Joy Lloyd, and stepson of Mrs Penelope Lloyd, of Somerset, and Caroline Melfort, younger daughter of Mr William Staunton, of London, and Mrs Anne Staunton, of Colintraive, Argyll.

Mr R.M.M. Omar and Miss J.C. Impey
The engagement is announced between Ralph, only son of Mr and Mrs Mohamed Omar, of Cairo, Egypt, and Joanna, elder daughter of Mr John Impey, of Chilland, Hampshire, and Mrs Patricia Impey, of Montlaur, France.

Mr T. Seymour-Smith and Miss H. Dunlop
The engagement is announced between Timothy, younger son of Mr and Mrs Leonard Seymour-Smith, of Normandy, and Harriet, daughter of Canon and Mrs Ian Dunlop, of Selkirk.

Mr J.M. Sillars and Miss G.H.P. Stubbs
The engagement is announced between James, only son of Mr and Mrs John Sillars, of Sittingbourne, Kent, and Gabriele, younger daughter of the late Mr and Mrs John (Jack) Stubbs, of Hollingbourne, Kent.

Marriages

Mr B.A. Blackmore and Miss J.M.L. Prior
The marriage took place on March 10, in St James, Barbados, between Mr Barry Blackmore, younger son of the late Mr Charles Blackmore and of Mrs Sheila Blackmore, of Dun Laoghaire, Co Dublin, and Miss Joanna Prior, daughter of Mr and Mrs Hugh C.L. Prior, of Beckenham, Kent.

Mr E.D. Westall and Miss M.G. Threapleton
The marriage took place on March 13, 1995, in New York, USA, of Mr Edward Westall, son of Mr Edward and Mrs Shirley Westall, of Croxley Green, Hertfordshire, and Miss Marnie Threapleton, daughter of Mr Eric and Mrs Susan Threapleton, of Bedford.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen, as Colonel-in-Chief, will attend a luncheon given by the 1st Battalion Irish Guards at Chelsea Barracks at 11.45.

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother will present shamrock to the Irish Guards at Chelsea Barracks at 11.45 to mark St Patrick's Day.

The Duke of York will open the new Weymouth divisional headquarters of St John Ambulance Brigade in Weymouth, Dorset, at 2.00; and, as President of the Royal Aero Club Council, will attend a dinner held in his honour at the Naval and Military Club, Piccadilly, at 8.00.

The Princess Royal will address a national probation service conference and preside at a panel discussion on the work of the service with the voluntary sector at Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre at 10.40; and will attend the Lord's Taverners' annual rugby dinner at the Royal Lancaster Hotel at 7.30.

The Duke of Kent, as President of the Royal Institution of Great Britain, will attend a discourse given by Dr David Jones at Albemarle Street at 7.15.

Colonel W.H. Whitbread

The Memorial Service for Colonel W.H. Whitbread will be held at St Lawrence Jewry-next-Guildhall in the City of London on Tuesday, March 21, at 11.30am.

Tudor Hall, Banbury

Tudor Hall, Wykham Park, Banbury is pleased to announce the following scholarship awards for entry in 1995:
Nesta Inglis Music Scholarship: Elizabeth Jakeman, Winchester House.
13+ Academic Scholarship: Katie-Jane Newnham, Swanbourne House.
12+ Academic Scholarship: Camilla Trotter, Kitebrook House.
The Sixth Form Internal Scholarships have been awarded to: Harriot Frampton, Archaeology in Israel; Alexandra and Georgina Maynard, Economics of Agriculture in Ireland; Iona Sinclair, Sea Life Survey - Hebrides.

Luncheons

HM Government
The Hon Douglas Hogg, QC, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was the host yesterday at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government at Lancaster House in honour of Mr Stanimir Alexandrov, Bulgarian Deputy Foreign Minister.

HM Government
Mr Alastair Goodlad, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was the host yesterday at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government at Lancaster House in honour of Mr Ung Huot, Cambodian Foreign Minister.

Appointment

Professor Ronald Buchanan to be a member of the Museums and Galleries Commission.

Birthdays today

Lord Justice Aldous, 59; Professor J.R. Baines, Egyptologist, 49; Sir Donald Barron, former chairman, Midland Bank, 74; Viscount Bridport, 47; Lady (Megan) Bull, former Governor, Holloway Prison, 73; Mr Terry Dicks, MP, 58; Professor David Dilks, Vice-Chancellor, Hull University, 57; Vice-Admiral Sir Donald Gibson, 79; Sir Arthur Hockaday, former Director-General, Commonwealth War Graves Commission, 69; Professor G.M. Hughes, zoologist, 70; Mr Robin Knox-Johnston, yachtsman, 56; the Earl of Lauderdale, 84; Professor John Lill, concert pianist, 51; Mrs Penelope Lively, writer, 62; Mr Alexander McQueen, fashion designer, 26; Sir Ramsay Melhuish, diplomat, 63; Lady (James) Mellon, chairwoman, Volunteer Development Scotland, 66; the Most Rev K.M.P. O'Brien, Archbishop of St Andrews and Edinburgh, 57; Mr Tim Rathbone, MP, 62; Sir Patrick Reilly, diplomat, 86; Sir Raymond Rickett, former chairman, Council for National Academic Awards, 68; Mr Kurt Russell, actor, 44; Miss Galina Samsova, ballerina, 58; Mr Brian Sedgemore, MP, 58; Sir Patrick Sergeant, founder, Euromoney Publications, 71; Dr David Stafford-Clark, psychiatrist, 79 and his son Mr Max Stafford-Clark, former artistic director, Royal Court Theatre, 54; Mr Michael Whitaker, showjumper, 35.

Lincoln's Inn

Mr Muhammad Habibur Rahman, Chief Justice of Bangladesh, has beome an Honorary Bencher of Lincoln's Inn.

Service dinners

RN College Greenwich
Lord Williams of Elvel was the principal guest at a mess guest night dinner held last night at the Royal Naval College Greenwich. Commander I.R. Wellesley-Harding, Commander of the College, presided.

Royal Tank Regiment
Serving and retired officers of the Royal Tank Regiment and their ladies entertained Field Marshal Lord Carver and Lady Carver to dinner last night at the Vintners' Hall to mark Lord Carver's forthcoming 80th birthday (April 24). The Representative Colonel Commandant, General Sir Jeremy Blacker, presided.

Liverpool University Air Squadron
Air Chief Marshal Sir William Wratten, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief Strike Command, was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the Liverpool University Air Squadron held last night at RAF Woodvale. Squadron Leader J.R.R. Christen presided. The Vice-Chancellor of Liverpool John Moores University, the Pro-Vice-Chancellor of Liverpool University and the Air Officer Commanding and Commandant RAF College Cranwell were the principal guests.

Dinners

The Science Museum
The Duke of Kent, trustee, was present at the annual dinner of the Science Museum held last night at the museum. Mr Stephen Dorrell, Secretary of State for National Heritage, was the guest of honour and Mr Simon Jenkins was the principal speaker. Sir Neil Cossons, director, Dr Peter Williams and Sir Denis Rooke, chairman of trustees, who proposed the loyal toast, also spoke.

Lord Mayor of Westminster
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster were the hosts at the annual reception and dinner of the City of Westminster held last night at the Savoy Hotel. Members of the Diplomatic Corps, both Houses of Parliament, representatives of the Churches, the Judiciary, HM Forces, the emergency services, the arts, commerce, Greater London Mayors, representatives of voluntary and charitable bodies and other friends of Westminster were present.

Meetings

Britain-Nepal Society
The Prime Minister of Nepal was the speaker at a meeting of the Britain-Nepal Society held last night at 10 St James's Square. Sir Neil Thorne, chairman, presided. Mrs Adhikari and the Nepalese Ambassador and Mrs Shrestha were present.

Peterhouse History Society
Sir Hardy Amies delivered a lecture to the Peterhouse History Society at a meeting held last night at Peterhouse, Cambridge.

Church in Wales

Diocese of Monmouth
The Rev Richard Dennis Williams, Vicar of Abertillery, to be Vicar of Tredunnoc and Llantrisant with Llanhennock and Llanhowell.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Thomas Boston, clergyman, Dunse, 1676; Thomas Chalmers, 1st Moderator of the Free Church of Scotland (1843-47), Anstruther, 1780; Ebenezer Elliott, corn-law rhymer, Rotherham, Yorkshire, 1781; Edmund Kean, actor, London, 1789; Gottlieb Daimler, pioneer of motor cars, Schorndorf, Germany, 1834; Kate Greenaway, illustrator, London, 1846; Margaret Bondfield, first woman chairman of the Trades Union Congress 1923, first woman Cabinet Minister 1929-31, Chard, Somerset, 1873; R.T. (Bobby) Jones, golfer, Atlanta, Georgia, 1902.

DEATHS: Marcus Aurelius, Roman Emperor 161-180, Vindobona, (Vienna), 180; Harold, King of the English 1035-40, Oxford, 1040; Thomas Randolph, poet and dramatist, Blatherwycke, Northamptonshire, 1635; Philip Massinger, dramatist, London, 1640; François Duc de La Rochefoucauld, writer, Paris, 1680; Gilbert Burnet, bishop and historian, London, 1715; George Parker, 2nd Earl of Macclesfield, astronomer, Shirburn Castle, Oxfordshire, 1764; Daniel Bernoulli, mathematician, Basle, 1782; David Dale, industrialist and philanthropist, Glasgow, 1806; Friedrich Bessel, astronomer, Königsberg, 1846; Christian Doppler, physicist, Venice, 1853; Anna Jameson, writer, Ealing, 1860; Isaac Babel, short story writer, Russia, 1941; Sir John Bagot Glubb (Glubb Pasha), Commander of the Arab Legion 1939-56, Sussex, 1986.

Today is the Feast of St Patrick, Apostle of the Irish.

Dr Marie Stopes opened Britain's first birth control clinic in north London, 1921.

Cruft's show results

Cruft's results, day one
Gun dogs:
Italian Spinone: Inostricani Top Dream: Mrs L Rossiter, Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire; Large Munsterlander: Ch. Ghyllbeck Holcus: Mrs B Hargreaves, Preston, Lancashire; Spaniel (Irish Water): Sh. Ch. Fynder Who By Fire: Mr P Rochford, Portsmouth, Hampshire; English Setter: Mariglen Silent Sensation at Balverie: Mrs P Schoneville, Hopton, Stafford; German Wire-haired Pointer: Ch. Black Prince, Mr and Mrs M Zimik, Chorley, Lancashire; Hungarian Vizsla: Sh. Ch. Pitswarren Levi, Mr and Mrs J Harper, Andover, Hampshire.
Irish Red and White Setter: Sh. Ch. Spyefire Pandora's Box: Mrs S Humphries, Chippenham, Wiltshire; Retriever (Curly Coated): Sh. Ch. Gladrags Independent Miss: Mrs A Meredith, Montgomery, Powys; Spaniel (American Cocker): Sh. Ch. Homestead's Tiffany with Boduf: Mr M Bottomley, Retford, Nottinghamshire; Spaniel (Clumber): Ch. Greencourt Mist of the Moor Mrs A Shaw, Durrington, Wiltshire.
Brittany: Brityhill Fripon: Mr and Mrs M Beaven, Godalming, Surrey; German Shorthaired Pointer: Sh. Ch. Jennaline Kentish Krumpet: Mrs J Jennings, Gravesend, Kent; Gordon Setter: Sh. Ch. Diptonia Pimpernel: Mr & Mrs T Browne, Mansfield, Nottinghamshire; Pointer: Sh. Ch. Jasmorne Isabella: Dr R James, Old Weston, Cambridgeshire; Retriever (Chesapeake Bay): Arnac Bay Kennebec at Segantii: Mr C Atkinson, Blackpool, Lancashire; Retriever (Flat coated): Shiredale Magic Touch: Mrs J Bird, Beauchamp, Leicestershire; Retriever (Goldon): Ch. Galalith Crown Prince of Tyrol: Mr M Gaffney, Cork, Eire; *Retriever (Labrador): Sh. Ch. Cambremer Be Generous: Mr D Brabben, Bishop Auckland, Co Durham.*
Spaniel (Cocker): Sh. Ch. Quettadene Mustique: Mrs P Lester, Walsall, West Midlands; Spaniel (English Springer): Sh. Ch. Chuan Chablais at Lyndora: Mrs D Bury, Chorley, Lancashire; Spaniel (Field): Moroto Cymro: Ms S Morgan, Llanelli, Dyfed; Spaniel (Sussex): Sh. Ch. Megamooch Melody Maker: Mrs S Smith, Darlington, Co Durham; Spaniel (Welsh Springer): Sh. Ch. Russethill Royal Salute over Nyliram: Mr T Graham, Askham in Furness, Cumbria; Weimaraner: Sh. Ch. Roxburgh's Kamira: Ms J Tranter, Mansfield, Nottinghamshire; Irish Setter: Haligien Free and Easy: Mrs J Sharp, Stirlingshire, Scotland.

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You also, as living stones, must be built up into a spiritual temple, and form a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.
1 Peter 2 : 5 (REB).

BIRTHS

ATTERBURY - On 15th March 1995, at The Lister Hospital, Stevenage, to Sarah (née McDonough) and Gavin, a son, Lyam Gavin James, a brother for Georgina.

BEY MUFTYZADE - Leyla Reshide, Zia and Lauren are proud to announce the arrival of their daughter, in Melbourne, on 9th March at 1.35 am.

BICKERTON - On March 12th, to Jacqueline (née Hobson) and Richard, a son, Thomas Richard.

BOWLES - On 15th March 1995, to Andrew and Claire (née Brown), a son, Charlie Andrew John, a brother for Henry.

BYAM SHAW-THAW - To Melanie Thaw and Matthew Byam Shaw, a son, Jack Alfie Ross, on 10th March 1995, at Queen Charlotte's.

CHAPPELL - On March 14th 1995, to Pamela (née Gooding) and Peter, a daughter, Claire Louise, a sister for Eleanor.

DENNIE - On 13th March 1995, to Fenella (née Fox) and John, a son, Oliver Garrett.

FREEDMAN - On March 12th at The Portland Hospital, to Hadassa (née Woolfson) and Clive, a daughter, Rebecca Rose, a sister for Harriet, Michael and Fleur.

HOLDERNESS - On 15th March, to Charlotte (née Broadbent) and Andrew, a son, Edward Thomas James, a brother for Henrietta.

MACKIE - In New York, on March 14th, to Liz and Keith, a son, William Forsyth Mackie.

NEISH - On 15th March, to Sarah (née Hughes) and Edward, a daughter, Henrietta Isobel.

NORTH - On 11th March, to Lindsey (née Panes) and Christopher, a daughter, Lucy Alexandra, a sister for Sophie.

OHRI - On 21st February, to Charlotte (née Burke) and Anil, a beautiful son, Blaise Chint Lal. God we praise.

REES - On March 3rd, to Clare (née Flemming) and James, a son, Charles Frederick Hugh.

SPAGNOLETTI - On 13th March, to Alison (née Jackman) and Robert, a son, Alistair Philip.

SYKES - On 15th March 1995, to Jeremy and Jane (née Moffat), a daughter, Polly Ann, a sister for Edward and Harriet.

WIGAN - On March 14th, to Sophie (née Gilroy) and Piers, a daughter, Laura Sophie Alice, a sister for Tom and Harry.

WYLDE - On 14th March, to Lesley (née Tennison) and Richard, a son, Edmund Thomas Alsager, a brother for Isabel.

MARRIAGES

MANSFIELD:CLIFTON - On 25th February, at St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, Kevin Paul Mansfield to Naomi Edwina Clifton.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

BRANNON - Jack and Edie. Congratulations and love from all the family.

BUTTERWORTH: ROBINSON - On 17th March 1945, at the Methodist Church, Greenacres Road, Oldham. Bob to Marjorie. Congratulations from all the family.

DEATHS

ALLEN - On March 14th 1995, peacefully at Southdown Rest Home, Olive Tresoldi Allen, beloved wife of the late Clifford Allen, devoted and much loved mother of John. Funeral will take place at 1.30 pm March 23rd 1995 at St John's Church, Northdown Road, Belmont, followed by interment at Sutton Cemetery, Alcorn Close (Off Sutton Common Road). Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to The Arthritis and Rheumatism Council for Research c/o W.A. Truelove and Sons, Funeral Directors, 31 High Street, Cheam, Surrey, SM3 8RE. tel: (0181) 642-3300.

BALLHATCHET - Kenneth on Monday 13th March 1995, peacefully after a long illness, much loved and loving husband, father and grandfather. Funeral at St Elizabeth's R.C. Church, Richmond, on Wednesday 22nd March at 1.30 pm. Family flowers. If desired, donations to CAFOD or Save the Children Fund.

BARRASS - On Tuesday March 14th 1995 at the Royal Free Hospital, London, after a long illness cheerfully and courageously borne, Stanley Jonathan, treasured husband of Margie and wonderful much adored father of Chris, Barney and Tim. You will always live in our hearts. Funeral will take place at 2 pm on Tuesday March 21st at Remenham Church, Henley-on-Thames. No flowers please but donations may be sent to the Royal Free Hospital Leukaemia Research Fund, cheques payable to R.F.H. Special Trustees G14.

BARR - On March 11th, died suddenly, David Andrew, dearly loved husband of Kate, loving father of Chloe and Hannah and a very dear son of Joan and the late Gordon, brother of Margaret, Mavis and Alison. Funeral Service will take place on March 28rd at St Mary's Church, Church Road, Hanwell, London W7 at 2pm.

BECKWITH - On 14th March peacefully at her home in Instow, Bideford, N. Devon, Janet Catherine Elizabeth aged 89 years. Beloved elder daughter of Edward and Janet Beckwith (née Chichester). Funeral Service will be held at St John the Baptist Church, Instow, on Wednesday 22nd March at 2.15 pm, followed by cremation at the North Devon Crematorium, Barnstaple. Family flowers only, donations may be given for the Instow Church Fund c/o M. Morris, Morris Bros., Funeral Directors, 95 Meddon Street, Bideford. (01237) 473744.

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CARNEGY - Joyce Eleanor, aged 89, widow of Canon P.C.A. Carnegy, on 15th March peacefully at South Newton, Salisbury. Beloved mother of Patrick, Colin and Daphne. Private cremation. Thanksgiving Service, St Mary and St Nicholas Church, Wilton, 24th March 2.30 pm. Family flowers only; donations may be made to The Stroke Association, CHSA House, Whitecross Street, London EC1Y 8JJ.

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DELAINE-SMITH - Hugh M.B.E., Managing Director, Delaine Coaches, Bourne, Lincs., passed away peacefully after a long illness on Wednesday 15th March 1995, in The Fitzwilliam Hospital, Peterborough, aged 74 years. Loving husband, father and grandfather. Sadly missed by us all. Funeral Service on Wednesday 22nd March at Bourne Abbey Church at 2pm, followed by interment in Bourne Cemetery. Funeral arrangements by Sandall and Robinson, tel: (01778) 422039.

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OBITUARIES

ODETTE HALLOWES, GC

Odette Hallowes, GC, MBE, wartime heroine of the Special Operations Executive, died on March 13 at her Walton-on-Thames home aged 82. She was born in Amiens on April 28, 1912.



OF ALL the women who took part in wartime special operations in France, Odette — as she was universally known in spite of having borne three married surnames in her lifetime — perhaps best symbolised the indomitable spirit of resistance to the horrors of Nazism. Captured by the Gestapo in France in 1943 and consigned, after being cruelly tortured in Paris's notorious Fresnes prison, to Ravensbrück concentration camp, she emerged emaciated, weak and gravely ill at the end of the war.

But in the years that followed, her undiminished mental and moral energy, combined with a complete absence of bitterness towards her tormentors and the nation that had spawned them, became a beacon to others who had suffered disfigurement, pain or bereavement. Indeed, the theme of her postwar working life, with its service to various charities and help for the underprivileged, was the healing of those wounds, both physical and mental, which had been inflicted upon individuals by the war.

Her George Cross, she always maintained, was not to be regarded as an award to her personally, but as an acknowledgement of all those, known and unknown, alive or dead, who had served the cause of the liberation of France. Her wartime experiences had taught her two great truths: that suffering is an ineluctable part of the human lot, and that the battle against evil is never over.

Fame came to her — notably through the film *Odette* which celebrated her life — but she never sought it. In her entry in *Who's Who* she styled herself simply: housewife.

She was born Odette Marie Céline Brailly in Picardy, the daughter of Gaston Brailly, who was killed towards the end of the First World War. She was educated privately and at the Convent of Ste Thérèse in Amiens.

She always said that she had been determined at the outset to marry an Englishman, after a series of young British officers were billeted on the family house during the First World War. At any rate, when the son of one such man, whom her mother had nursed back to health, visited the family after the war to improve his English, romance soon blossomed. She married Roy Sansom, who worked in the hotel industry, in 1931 and settled in London, where she had three daughters.

British domiciled she might be, but her heart remained French. After the catastrophe to French arms in the early summer of 1940, she longed to do something more active than looking after her young ones. By a stroke of luck she got in touch with the independent French section of the Special Operations Executive.

Yet when she was first interviewed there were some doubts about her suitability as a clandestine SOE courier. Would she be able, as a mother of three young daughters who might be constantly on her mind, to undertake missions requiring steely nerves and an ability to concentrate on the task in question to the exclusion of all else? On the other hand, from certain points of view she seemed an ideal candidate. She was young, attractive, vivacious. She knew France; she had a winning manner. Furthermore, she had a burning desire to redeem by direct action the disgrace her country had suffered in its capitulation of June 1940.

Accepted, she joined the First Aid Nursing Yeomanry (since membership of a service organisation was a prerequisite of working for SOE and the FANY provided basic training in such matters as driving, wireless operation, etc) and did well in all her courses. She returned to France secretly, by small boat from Gibraltar to Antibes, on the last night of October 1942, with orders to join a new circuit in Burgundy. There she got on so well with Peter Churchill, SOE's organiser on the spot, that he secured London's leave to keep her on the Riviera.

Within a fortnight, the Germans and Italians overran all southern France. Churchill and Mme Sansom continued to try to provide contact between London and a large — as it turned out, a purely imaginary — secret army that was supposed to be organised by a friend of Churchill's codenamed "Carte", the father of Danielle Darrieux the film star. Unfortunately quarrels among "Carte's" friends became so acute that next February Churchill took Mme Sansom and his wireless operator, Adolphe Rabinovitch, away to St Jorioz near Annecy in the French Alps. Churchill then returned to London for instructions.

While he was away, Odette was approached by a "Colonel Henri", who represented himself to be a German officer who wanted to defect to the Allies. She was highly suspicious of "Colonel Henri" — with some justification since he was in fact Sergeant Bleicher of the Abwehr. But one of the more impetuous of the "Carte" members was taken in by him and imparted some names and numbers of the members of the circuit in and around Annecy. Churchill returned to France by parachute on April 14-15, 1943, and was met by Odette, with whom he returned to St Jorioz.

He had already been warned against "Colonel Henri" in London. But their operation had been fatally undermined by the indiscreet disclosures of their "Carte" comrade. After dark next evening Bleicher and a detachment of Italian troops arrived at the hotel in St Jorioz where Odette and Churchill were staying. He arrested her in the hall and going upstairs, where he found Churchill sound asleep in bed, arrested him too.

Churchill and Odette passed themselves off as married, and as relations of Winston Churchill (he claimed to be Churchill's nephew). They were, therefore, for a time treated with a mixture of savagery and deference. Odette was sent to Paris where, at the notorious Fresnes prison, she endured excruciating torments including having her toenails pulled out (for a year after her homecoming she could not wear shoes and had to walk on her heels until several operations restored her to normal mobility).

Both she and Churchill were eventually sent to the vast concentration camp at Ravensbrück, north of Berlin, where, in June 1943, Odette was condemned to death. That sentence was not carried out but for the remainder of her stay there her lot was one of alternate molly-coddling and beating which is the traditional procedure of the interrogator. Neither of them, however, made any admissions of importance. Meanwhile Rabinovitch, who had evaded arrest, escaped to England only to be dropped back by an unhappy staff error straight into the arms of the Gestapo next year.

At the end of the war, when the Red Army's advance approached Ravensbrück, Fritz Sühren, the camp commandant, drove in a sports car with Odette beside him into the American lines, in the hope that he could use her charm to save himself. She at once denounced him and he was hanged after trial.

Odette became a national heroine, subject of innumerable newspaper articles, a book by Jerrard Tickell and the film *Odette* (1950) which starred Anna Neagle in the title role. She was appointed MBE in 1945 and in the following year awarded the George Cross. In 1950 she was made an officer of the Légion d'Honneur.

She believed that the George Cross had been given to her, not because she had been especially gallant, but because she had had the good fortune to survive; unlike 11 other women in her section who had died in German hands, some of them shot within earshot of her cell.

Her first husband died and she married Peter Churchill in 1947. In 1956 that marriage was dissolved and she married Geoffrey Hallowes, a wine importer, who had also served — in another section — with the SOE in France. He was a constant support to her throughout the years when her life was lived in the glare of often unexpected bursts of publicity, not all of them welcome; there were, for example, criticisms of the effectiveness of SOE's operations in southern France.

But there was also publicity of a more light-hearted kind. On one occasion her mother's house in Kensington was burgled, the thief making off with some silver spoons and Odette's George Cross and Légion d'Honneur. Distraught at the loss of her daughter's treasures, Mme Brailly appealed through the press for their return. The thief, evidently a humane soul, obliged. His letter accompanying the decorations read: "You Madame, appear to be a dear old lady. God bless you and your children. I thank you for having faith in me. I am not all that bad — it's just circumstances. Your little dog really loves me. I gave him a nice pat and left him a piece of meat — out of fridge. Sincerely yours, A Bad Egg."

Odette was active in many organisations: she was on the committee of the VC and GC Association; she was a vice-president of the FANY; an honorary member of the St Dunstan's Ex-Prisoners of War Association; and President of 282 (East Ham) Air Cadet Squadron.

Last year, though already frail, she revisited Ravensbrück. For her it was the first time since 1945. The occasion, the unveiling of a plaque remembering the courage of the SOE women who had died there, was for her a profoundly moving experience.

Her husband and the three daughters of her first marriage survive her.

LORD LOVAT

Lord Lovat, DSO, MC, landowner and soldier, died yesterday aged 83. He was born on July 9, 1911.

LORD LOVAT, who has died a year after the death of his estranged eldest son, was the most romantic of all the Highland lairds. A legendary figure in the Second World War, he played a key role in the development of the commandos and was actively involved in both the Dieppe Raid of 1942 and the D-Day landings of June 1944. Greatly admired by Winston Churchill, he appeared at the end of the war to have a political career at his feet; but he preferred to return to his native land to resume charge of his Scottish estates, which prospered under his direction before he disastrously made them over to his eldest son in 1965. The last year of Lovat's life was clouded by tragedy — his youngest son Andrew being gored to death by a buffalo on a safari in Tanzania ten days before the death of his eldest brother in March 1994.

Simon Christopher Joseph Fraser was himself the elder son of the 16th Lord Lovat, KT. As a Roman Catholic he was educated at Ampleforth, going on to Magdalen College, Oxford. His father died in 1933 while attending, as a spectator, the New College and Magdalen point-to-point, in which he had just seen his son win the Old Members' Challenge Cup for the second time.

Thus as a young man, only recently of age, the young Lovat found himself facing the responsiblity of administering a large landed estate, then about 190,000 acres. Fortunately his father's two major interests, agriculture and soldiering, were also his and he carried on the dual tradition for the remainder of his life. For a time he was a regular officer in the Scots Guards but later, feeling the need to remain nearer his land, he served in the territorial cavalry regiment originally raised by his family, the Lovat Scouts.

He was with the regiment when war broke out in 1939, commanding a squadron with the rank of captain. Even then it was clear that he had inherited the gifts which had made his father a distinguished soldier. The drastic overhaul of organisation and training, which was undertaken after Dunkirk, resulted in, among other things, the formation of the Special Service Brigade, out of which sprang the commandos. Lovat was an obvious choice for command in this new type of unit — as also was his friend, the late Duke of Wellington, who was killed while leading his men at the landing at Salerno in 1943.

In those early days most of the units were based in Scotland and much of the training took place there. The headquarters of Combined Operations co-operated fully, and the detailed rehearsals for the many small raids on the enemy-held French and Norwegian coasts made the raids themselves successful.

As 1941 wore on, the raids increased in scale and scope; Bruneval and St Nazaire were attacked and by the spring of 1942 it was felt that a raid on an altogether larger scale ought to be executed with a view to getting a great deal of information, not only concerning the state of the German coastal defences but also about the state of battle training of our own troops.

Thus came about the Dieppe Raid in which, despite the overall disaster of the enterprise, Lovat and his commandos signally distinguished themselves. It was for his part in the action that he was awarded the DSO. His foot was now well on the ladder of promotion and by 1943 he had attained the rank of brigadier. He led his commando brigade ashore on the coast of Normandy soon after dawn on D-Day, having told them before they sailed: "We have been given a proud task and I expect this brigade to fight in such a manner that your children and your children's children will say, 'They were men; they were giants in those days'." They were, indeed, but their gallant commander, who moved his headquarters with his own forward troops often within 100 yards of the enemy, was so seriously wounded that he had to be evacuated to England.

When he recovered Churchill sent him as one of a parliamentary delegation to the Kremlin. Quoting Byron, Churchill wrote to Stalin that he was sending him in Lord Lovat "the mildest-mannered man that ever scuttled ship or cut a throat". Churchill also offered him the post of Captain of the Gentlemen-at-Arms — or Chief Whip in the House of Lords — as the prelude to a political career; but Lovat declined the offer and, although he later accepted office as Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, he resigned on the defeat of the Caretaker Government in July 1945, preferring to leave national politics to his younger brother, the late Sir Hugh Fraser, MP.

After the end of hostilities Lovat, a DL and JP, returned to his farming interests and served for a record 42 years as an elected member of Inverness County Council. He was a lively pioneer of farming developments in the Highlands, using New World cattle ranching methods. On his property in Inverness-shire he led the way in establishing more beef cattle and sheep on high ground, using the winter low ground, reclaimed and reseeded, to support high summer range; and he repeatedly urged in the House of Lords that much more could be done in this way with government encouragement. He thus transformed the Lovat estates and at one stage had 35,000 acres in hand: the largest single farming unit of the kind in Britain.



Lovat was especially interested in the Shorthorn breed and was one of the best-known judges at the national shows here and overseas. He travelled to Canada (where he became a connoisseur of Indian lore) and South Africa to judge Shorthorns, was a judge at the Sydney Royal Show in Australia, and travelled extensively on cattle business to the United States and South America. As chairman of the Anglo-Scottish Cattle Company his aim was to encourage the improvement of stock at home and abroad by using better bulls for grading up less good cattle and producing more early maturing quality steers to feed the hungry people of the world.

A traditional Catholic and a Knight of Malta, he was made a Knight Commander of St Gregory with Star by the Pope in 1982. "Shimi" Lovat was also a renowned big-game hunter, and was chairman of the Shikar Club, which holds an annual dinner for those who have sought adventure in lonely places. His eagle eye once detected what he believed to be the Loch Ness monster.

In 1978 he published his memoirs in a book entitled *March Past*, of which Bernard Fergusson (Lord Ballantrae) wrote: "It combines a rugged and honourable refusal to accept the low standards of a changing world with passages of great beauty and sensitivity." The former Chindit hero also wrote of Lovat in the same review: "His innate courage and panache, his sense of being a hereditary chief, a certain ruthlessness, a readiness to defy imcompetent superiors, and undoubted efficiency — all these combined to make him one of the most successful junior independent commanders of the war."

Indeed, he never forgot for a moment his duties as *Mac Shimidh*, hereditary chief of Clan Fraser of Lovat, and spent much of his time visiting or receiving his world-scattered clansmen. He encouraged the various Fraser clan societies, and especially the recent revival of the period costume Fraser Highlanders throughout Canada. He was well aware that "Frasers far afield in Toronto or Brisbane, Chicago or Wellington, can find in their history those roots that give them identity and distinguish them from being merely numbered ants in some enormous, urban anthill".

Strikingly, Fraser is the most frequent surname in Nova Scotia, whose university rewarded him with an honorary doctorate; and he was also LLD *honoris causa* of Simon Fraser University in British Columbia. "A lone wolf by nature, and quintessentially a perfectionist." Lovat was, above all, a *grand seigneur* in the finest sense; as well as being what a perceptive commentator called "by far the best looking of all the Highland chiefs".

He married in 1938 Rosamond, the only daughter of Sir John Delves Broughton, Bt, who survives him together with two of his four sons and two daughters. His grandson, Simon, an 18-year-old Harrow schoolboy, already the Master of Lovat, now succeeds both to the barony and the clan chieftainship.

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Bohemia and Moravia formally became German Protectorates today by a proclamation of Herr Hitler. Prague entered upon its second day of German occupation in a mood of resignation. The spirit of the people appears to be broken. Over the historical Hradschin Herr Hitler's personal standard was flying this morning beside that of the President of what was the Czecho-Slovak Republic. The crowds in the streets looked silently at the steady stream of German troops and at squadrons of aeroplanes which passed continually overhead, some of them dropping leaflets to the people below. They wondered what their future as citizens of the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia might be. Here and there a man asked whether any help might be expected from the west. In general the people are resigned to whatever their new masters have in store for them.

While the Germans marched to the castle this morning to cheer the Fuhrer and hear the protectorate proclaimed, large numbers of Czechs filed silently past their national war memorial, some laying little bunches of spring flowers between the two flames which were to have burned for ever, and which may soon burn no longer. The legionaries who fought under the French, Russian, and Italian flags for the freedom of their country are disgraced, and already the process of removing all survivors of the Legion from public office of any kind has begun. Other silent and weeping groups gathered round the memorial to Jan Huss, the Czech national hero, or climbed to the National Hall of Honour, still incomplete, which stands on the hill overlooking the city. The German troops continue to pour into Bohemia and Moravia. Nineteen divisions, or about 200,000 men, are engaged in the occupation of this area, and other troops have entered Slovakia and, according to reliable information, are marching steadily towards the Polish frontier. The justification for entry into Slovakia appears to be a telegram sent yesterday by Father Tiso to Herr Hitler, in which the Reich was asked to take the new State under its protection — a request which was naturally granted. It is not known whether there are any German troops in Ruthenia, which is being invaded by Hungarian forces. In Prague the discipline of the German troops is excellent, although that of the people appears to be even more remarkable. It would, however, go hard with anyone who tried to resist the forces of the occupation. Everywhere there are soldiers with rifles and bayonets, and the larger hotels are guarded by sentries carrying riot guns at the ready. The Czech police have been relegated to traffic regulation, the traffic having been thrown into confusion by the continual stream of troops and military transport.

ON THIS DAY

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Himmler's secret police were already active in Prague, according to agency reports, and 5,000 arrests had been made, followed by numerous suicides.

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NEWS

Redundancy 'back pay' may be £1bn

■ More than half a million employees from 20,000 crashed businesses stand to gain up to £1 billion after a decision by the law lords that will force company receivers to make full redundancy payments to anyone they laid off in the past eight years.

The decision shocked the accountancy and banking world and prompted calls for Michael Heseltine, the President of the Board of Trade, to introduce retrospective legislation to prevent a legal free-for-all..... **Pages 1, 21**

Major determined to fend off challenge

■ John Major signalled his determination to fight off any fresh challenge to his leadership as he led a Cabinet effort to deflect the impact of Kenneth Clarke's warning that the return of the "feel-good" factor is still a long way off..... **Pages 1, 8**

Lord Lovat dies

An 18-year-old schoolboy will become Chief of Clan Fraser when he comes of age after the death yesterday of his grandfather, Lord Lovat..... **Pages 1, 19**

£400,000 payoff

Nearly £400,000 is to be paid in redundancy to two officials brought in by the Ministry of Defence to devise a scheme for selling service quarters that was aborted..... **Page 2**

Neighbours at war

A sometimes violent feud between an unemployed double-glazing salesman and his elderly neighbours has been halted by a judge who said the case had shaken his faith in human nature..... **Page 3**

Guns for hire

Glasgow criminals can hire guns for £50 a day and police are allowed to buy them to to take them off the streets, the Chief Constable of Strathclyde said..... **Page 3**

Gays 'accepted'

Anglican leaders have accepted that homosexuals in stable relationships could live lives of "genuine Christian character"... **Page 7**

Crime responsibility

The presumption that children between 10 and 14 are incapable of committing a crime unless it is proved that they know what they are doing was upheld by the Lords..... **Pages 5, 34**

Arrest damages

A black Briton, who was arrested and questioned about his immigration status after reporting a theft, won damages from the Metropolitan Police for false imprisonment and assault..... **Page 9**

2m face starvation

More than two million refugees from Rwanda face starvation because the United Nations and aid agencies are fast running out of food and money to help them..... **Page 13**

Iran hid fugitive

Iran sheltered Germany's fugitive property magnate, Jürgen Schneider, in his year-long flight from creditors, German security sources said..... **Page 10**

Chirac's EU vision

Jacques Chirac, the favourite for the French presidency, has painted his vision of Europe in a speech designed to please both doubters and believers in deeper union..... **Page 10**

Burial wrangle

A six-day wrangle to find a burial place in Israel for a 92-year-old woman from Russia has highlighted a macabre problem for non-Jewish immigrants.. **Page 12**

Patrols reviewed

British United Nations troops in the east Bosnian enclave of Gorazde are reviewing their patrolling after an attack by Serb troops..... **Page 11**

Plates put landscape in the picture

■ A major National Trust project to recreate a landscape designed by Capability Brown at Wimpole Hall near Cambridge has been assisted by six Wedgwood dessert plates in the Hermitage Museum, St Petersburg. The plates were part of a spectacular dinner service made for Catherine the Great in 1774..... **Page 7**



Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams with security men on his way to the House Speaker's St Patrick's Day lunch in Washington. Pages 1, 17

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Motor rallying: Roger Clark, winner of the RAC Rally in 1972 and 1976, is a leading contender in the Rally of Wales, the first round of the British championship. **Page 38**

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New on record: Elton John's latest, *Made in England*, has little to commend it; but a fine new British band called Gene had produced a superb album..... **Page 33**

Giovanni from hell: English National Opera's new production of *Don Giovanni* is a disaster, says Rodney Milnes..... **Page 31**

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European governments may come to regret their reaction to the arrest by Canadian authorities of the Spanish trawler *Estai*. We hesitate to condone shots being fired across the bows of an unarmed vessel. But Canada, a country associated with international peacekeeping not warmongering, is unlikely to have acted without due cause

— The European

President Clinton's decision to meet Gerry Adams was a regrettable mistake. If there is a US role at all, it must be to reassure the Unionists that the joint framework document does not signal unconditional rehabilitation of a group whose terrorist record makes their blood (and ours) run cold

— Los Angeles Times

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M Chirac's opponents accuse him of being all things to all men. But that, in the troubled state of French society, could be his greatest asset..... **Page 17**

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BERNARD LEVIN

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JOHN PATTEN

Of course people like to "feel good", but in the era of post-modern politics they increasingly wish to feel right and feel responsible as well. The transfer of responsibility back to our people has not begun to run its course..... **Page 16**

PETER RIDDELL

Forget all the nonsense about gaffes, the eruptions of a wayward peer and similar trivia. Kenneth Clarke has made a valid, and pertinent, point about the impact of the economic recovery, even though his candour will not do him any political good..... **Page 8**

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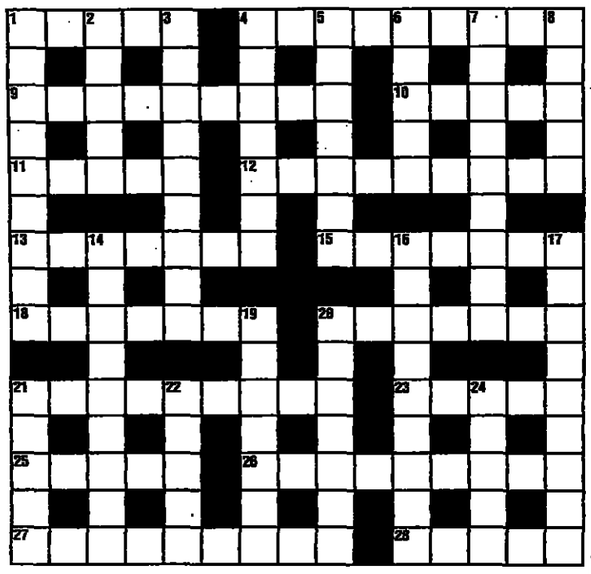
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☐ **London, SE England, Central S England, SW England:** sunny intervals, isolated showers, becoming cloudy for a time with outbreaks of rain. Wind strong to gale force southwesterly. Max 11C (52F).

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☐ **Channel Isles:** cloudy with rain at times, becoming brighter. Wind strong to gale force southwesterly. Max 11C (52F).

☐ **S Wales, N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man:** sunny spells and showers. Wind strong to gale force westerly. Max 10C (50F).

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Aviemore	6.1	0.21	3	37	sn	Margate	6.9	0.17	9	48	h
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Bognor R	4.1	0.07	9	48	h	Newcastle	8.1	0.01	6	43	sn
Bournem'th	7.3	0.13	8	46	h	Newquay	6.7	0.06	8	46	b
Bristol	6.0	0.02	7	45	sh	Norwich	6.4	0.22	8	46	sh
Buxton	5.1	0.18	3	37	sl	Nottingham	X				
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Hunstanton	7.5	0.13	7	45	sn	Stornoway	4.1	0.14	4	39	sn
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Kinloss	5.3	0.02	6	41	b	Tiree	1.1	0.24	6	43	h
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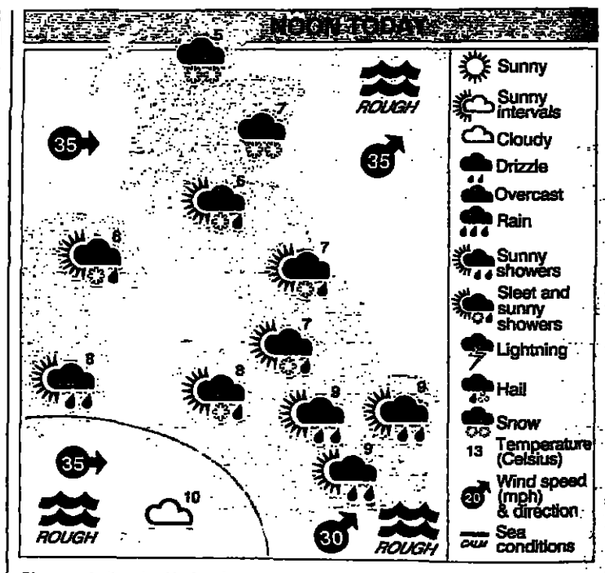
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Beirut	12	54	s	Helsinki	-1	30	sn	Munich	4	39	c
Belgrade	9	48	s	Hong K	23	73	s	Nairobi	21	70	f
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Borde'x	11	52	c	Jo'burg	21	70	f	Nice	14	57	s
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Chicago	21	70	f	L Angels	20	68	s	Reykjavk	0	32	sn
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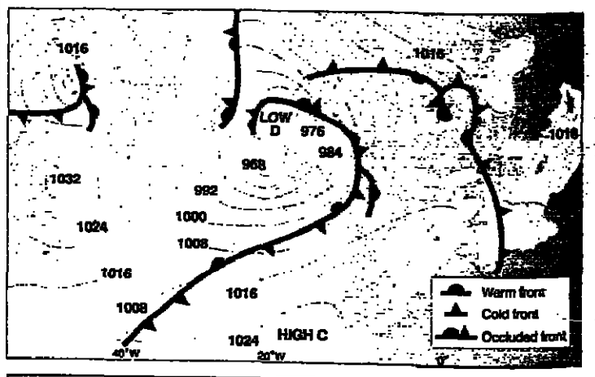
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Tel Aviv	14	57	f								
Tenerife	20	68	f								
Tokyo	13	55	c								
Toronto	20	68	s								
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Wel'ngton	16	61	c								
Zurich	5	41	f								

Temperatures at midday local time. X = not available

NOON TODAY



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HIGH TIDES

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Avonmouth	7 17	13 38	7.39	13.51	Lowestoft	9.52	2.40	9.45	2.57
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Falmouth	5.02	5.24	5.21	5 18	Portland	6.57	2.15	7.24	2.09
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Hull	6.20	7.40	6.33	7 79	Swansea	6.27	9.65	6.48	9.68
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King's Lynn	6 15	6 63	6 31	6 94	W'ton-on-Nze	11.54	4 36	--	--

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HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 6.12 am
Sun sets: 6.08 pm
Moon sets 6.01 am
Moon rises 7.08 pm

London 6.08 pm to 6.09 am
Bristol 6.18 pm to 6.19 am
Edinburgh 6.19 pm to 6.22 am
Manchester 6.16 pm to 6.18 am
Penzance 6.30 pm to 6.31 am

Full moon today

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THE TIMES

BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook — FRIDAY MARCH 17 1995

Sterling hits low as Bonn holds rates

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

STERLING plunged to another record low against a surging mark yesterday in a move that reflected the dollar's weakness more than obvious intrinsic problems of its own.

The dollar had slumped and the pound hit a low of DM2.2082 after the Bundesbank announced it had left its key interest rates unchanged. Later, both currencies recovered their poise after US economic statistics suggested the economy is slowing and therefore heading for a soft landing.

Only a minority of market players had expected the German central bank to ease rates, partly to bail out other currencies hit as investors have poured money into quality currencies.

Nevertheless, the news of no action from the Bundesbank was enough to give renewed vigour to the mark. Investors saw the bank's steadfast refusal to compromise German monetary policy because of others' problems as another positive contribution to its inflation-fighting credibility.

The pound's fall to successive lows against the mark has been closely related to the dollar's problems. It has been a traditional and technical feature of foreign exchange trading that the two currencies tend to move in tandem. Sterling edged only a little lower against the dollar, which closed at around $1.5920 to the pound from $1.5990 late on Wednesday. But, in spite of its late recovery, the pound still ended at DM2.2097, more than 1½ pfennigs down on Wednesday's close.

Economists said many of sterling's problems yesterday were technical but in the background are more fundamental sources of weakness. One is a perception that the Government is vulnerable. Investors also look askance at Britain's half-hearted approach to European integration. Mark Geddes, Treasury strategist at Midland Global Markets, said Britain ought to be a candidate for any fast track to European Monetary Union judged on growth, the outlook for inflation and tough action to bring down its budget deficit. "But Britain is perceived to want to remain outside and therefore carries a higher risk premium," he said.

This has left sterling vulnerable in the middle of a flight of international investment money into quality currencies. Another reason cited for its vulnerability is market fears that the Government will go for large tax cuts not warranted by economic considerations.

There was disappointment yesterday in figures showing a £5.2 billion public sector borrowing requirement in February. This took the PSBR for the first 11 months of the financial year to £25.2 billion against the Government's forecast for the full year of £34.3 billion.

In March last year, the PSBR was a record £11.3 billion. A figure this large for March 1995 would take the PSBR above forecast. Economists had been expecting last year's strong economic growth to bring the PSBR in under forecast but yesterday there were doubts about this undershoot.

US data yesterday suggested the economy is slowing and that interest rates may not have to rise again. A report from the Philadelphia Fed showed signs of weakness, consumer prices rose in line with expectations and housing starts were the weakest for a year.

The lira hit another record low but rebounded after news that Lamberto Dini, Italy's Prime Minister, had won his confidence vote.

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David Prosser, Legal & General chief executive, whose company's shares jumped as talks were revealed to transfer reserves on its life fund to enhance dividends. Report 22, Tempus 24

Barings investors look to Holland

BY ROBERT MILLER

THE glare of the spotlight on the Barings collapse yesterday shifted from Singapore and London to a small courtroom in Amsterdam. Trustees acting for two different sets of investors who lent money to the old Barings regime through an offshore arm of the bank want a ruling on where they rank as creditors, and how much they are entitled to get back.

When the Dutch court does decide, it could affect the proposed payout to UK life and pension companies and individual investors, many of them elderly, who lent a further £100 million to Barings through a subordinated loan note.

In 1986, Barings BV, an offshore arm of the UK group, issued $150 million of capital rate notes, followed in 1994 by a further $150 million of floating rate notes. In both cases the money, due to be repaid in 2001, was re-routed to Barings.

International Nederlanden Groep (ING), its new Dutch owner, said floating rate note investors stand to be repaid in full, while the capital note holders stand to collect £7.5 million. UK investors in the subordinated loan notes have been offered a similar £7.5 million settlement, but may not see even this.

Some 32 members of the Association of British Insurers are seeking to press ING for a full repayment of the £100 million. If not, many threaten to boycott any future paper or loan notes issued by either Barings or ING in the market place. ING said last night it sympathised with Barings' loan note investors. But added: "When a company goes from being £440 million in the black to £440 million in the red, you cannot expect that subordinated bondholders will not lose any money."

BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	3094.1	(+47.1)
Yield	4.37%	
FT-SE A All share	1514.89	(+18.65)
Nikkei	16355.68	(–311.15)
New York:		
Dow Jones	4065.35	(+26.98)*
S&P Composite	494.74	(+2.86)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	5¹¹⁄₁₆%*	(5⅞%)
Long Bond	104¹⁄₃₂*	(103²⁷⁄₃₂)
Yield	7.29%*	(7.36%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth interbank	6⁹⁄₁₆%	(6⁹⁄₁₆%)
Life long gilt future (Mar)	103²⁄₃₂	(102³⁰⁄₃₂)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.5875*	(1.6005)
London:		
$	1.5859	(1.6035)
DM	2.2171	(2.2201)
FFr	7.8820	(7.8980)
SFr	1.8459	(1.8396)
Yen	143.13	(143.13)
£ Index	84.6	(85.0)

$ $ $ $ $ $ DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.3975*	(1.3895)
FFr	4.9692*	(4.9396)
SFr	1.1630*	(1.1515)
Yen	90.30*	(89.50)
$ Index	90.7	(90.8)

Tokyo close Yen 89.75

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (May)	$16.65	($16.60)

GOLD

London close	$383.65	($386.85)

* denotes midday trading price

On the road

Michael Heseltine, the President of the Board of Trade, yesterday emphasised the importance to Britain of close links with Europe as he welcomed the announcement by Toyota, the Japanese car company, of a doubling of its UK production with the creation of at least 1,000 jobs. Page 22

End of dynasty

Sir Michael Colman, last of the mustard dynasty, is to retire as chairman of Reckitt & Colman. His departure coincides with the imminent sale of the company's UK food business. Page 23, Tempus 24

The man whose 'services cannot be terminated'

BY MARTIN WALLER

TINY ROWLAND, the former Lonrho boss fired without compensation earlier this month from the group he created, has written to shareholders requesting their support at the company's annual meeting a week today.

That meeting could see his final departure from the group. An earlier agreement for him to become life president is now being opposed by the remaining board, which needs just 25 per cent of the votes cast at the meeting for the appointment to founder. Dieter Bock, the German businessman, engineered his removal from the board after an angry showdown at the start of March led to a majority of the directors supporting his sacking.

Mr Rowland has therefore canvassed support from the small shareholders who control half the company and who have traditionally been fiercely loyal to him even during periods of financial turbulence, while attacking Mr Bock and his supporters.

Mr Rowland writes: "My services to Lonrho cannot be terminated since they come from the heart, and perhaps you will consider recognising whatever fun and profit you have had from your shareholding in Lonrho by voting for me too." Mr Rowland says that he hopes to be in a position to call an extraordinary shareholders' meeting by the end of this year. Mr Rowland was removed as a director on March 2 after the other directors cited "continuing public and irreconcilable differences with the company ... incompatible with any continuing association".

A spokesman for the group said of Mr Rowland's latest letter: "His allegations are inaccurate and spurious — it's all rather sad."

Mr Rowland sets out his concern over Mr Bock's management skills. He relates that when Mr Bock was appointed to the board in February 1993 "it seemed that Lonrho had found someone with the warmest interest in your company and with presentable qualifications for the job".

He concludes drily: "I've made many mistakes in my life." Pennington, page 23



Rowland: voicing concern

Trafalgar tries to salvage bid

TRAFALGAR HOUSE will go before a full City Takeover Panel today in a last-ditch attempt to salvage its £1 billion bid for Northern Electric, which fell foul of intervention last week by the electricity industry regulator (Martin Waller writes).

The shipping to construction conglomerate is appealing to the full panel, a meeting of the great and the good in the City, to set a finite period beyond which it can renew the offer, which has been opposed by the board of Northern. Trafalgar's plea to the Takeover Panel executive was rejected on Wednesday night.

The City does not expect Trafalgar to be successful, and Northern shares fell 40p to 781p yesterday. Northern has said that a further bid can be entertained only after the regulator has reached agreement with the industry over prices, but Trafalgar has pointed out that this process could stretch out for as long as a year.

Govett says share fall wrecked American merger

BY MARTIN BARROW

GOVETT & CO, the fund management and insurance group, has blamed a sharp fall in its share price for the collapse of a proposed merger with Duff & Phelps Corporation, of America.

Govett's London-listed shares have fallen from 367p when the merger was announced, on January 25, to a low of 261p earlier this month, although they yesterday rose 16p to 280p.

The fall was initially triggered by adverse City reaction to the terms of the merger, by which Govett agreed to acquire Chicago-based Duff & Phelps for $230 million in convertible preference shares, with an additional $20 million due to Duff & Phelps' shareholders via a special dividend prior to completion.

In February, a decline was precipitated by a £20 million lawsuit filed in the US District Court by Govett American Endeavour Fund, alleging breach of management duties. American Endeavour, managed for eight years by a Govett subsidiary, Berkeley Govett, alleged fraud, negligence, professional misrepresentation and breach of contract.

Govett claimed that the lawsuit was "utterly without merit" and was timed to disrupt the acquisition of Duff & Phelps. Its lawyers were instructed to prepare legal action against American Endeavour, seeking "very substantial" damages.

In spite of the collapse of the merger, Govett, whose business is principally transacted in America, said that it continued to discuss with Duff & Phelps possible ways to combine their business. The two companies have agreed jointly to market and manage selected global equity and fixed-income products for US institutions.

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Bank of Ireland Mortgages

Saatchi settles for Cordiant future

BY MARTIN WALLER

CHARLES SCOTT, acting chairman of Saatchi & Saatchi, now renamed Cordiant, survived his first shareholders' meeting since the upheavals at the top of the advertising combine bloody but unbowed, with investors' vitriol shared out fairly equally between him, the Saatchi brothers and David Herro, the Chicago investor.

Neither Mr Herro, who has 10 per cent of the group and who prompted the upheavals that saw Charles and Maurice Saatchi depart and the share price collapse, nor the Saatchis themselves were at the meeting. At times their respective absences looked a shrewd move. The meeting was called to approve both a change of name to Cordiant — a name redolent of accord and of a central core, said Mr Scott — and new incentive schemes for executives and as many as 700 senior staff.

Both resolutions were carried, then Mr Scott threw the floor open to shareholders' questions. Catherine Simmonds, an employee for nine years and now a shareholder, paraphrased Oscar Wilde: "To lose one Saatchi brother may be a misfortune, to lose two looks like carelessness." She criticised the "bizarre actions" of the board, and the new name as more suitable for a vacuum cleaner company, and warned directors to keep a sharp watch for the emergence of another David Herro or anybody else in a position to persuade them in future activities in a way that might have some disastrous consequences.

Ronald Moss, apparently basing his questions on an article in this newspaper this week which set out the answers needed from the board, subjected directors to a barrage of queries. He required each of the four non-executives to state how many such directorships they held, and how long they spent on Saatchi business.

Much shareholder ire was spent on the complex and expensive series of legal actions that have followed the departures. One was announced on the eve of the meeting, when Bill Muirhead, former head of US operations, said he was suing for libel.

Monique Allan demanded a breakdown of the writs now occupying the board's time. Mr Scott, after consulting an anonymous legal adviser, refused to divulge details, to cries of "we're entitled to know".

Maurice Saatchi was himself criticised for the size of the remuneration and expenses he took out of the company while it was failing, while his brother's penchant for buying modern art and the extent to which it was company-funded came under query.

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ABB and Daimler form rail venture

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

ABB, the Swedish-Swiss engineering group and Britain's leading rail equipment supplier, is to combine its rail arm with Daimler-Benz's rail arm to form a world leader in the sector.

Daimler, whose AEG subsidiary is part of the Union Link consortium bidding to build the Channel Tunnel rail link, will pay ABB $900 million to make up for the difference in size and profitability between the businesses being put into the 50-50 rail joint venture.

The new company, ABB Daimler-Benz Transportation, will be immediately in profit and have an estimated order intake this year of DM8 billion. Turnover is forecast at DM10 billion by 2000.

The venture, subject to European Commission approval, will make competition tougher in high-speed trains for GEC-Alsthom, the Anglo-French joint venture.

The ABB-Daimler venture will be made up of about 50 companies from ABB, including its rail works at York and Derby, and AEG's rail side. It will employ 22,000 workers in 40 countries and offer "full rail system solutions". Products and services will include advanced locomotives, high-speed and tilting trains and advanced signalling. The venture will be headed by Kaare Vagner, the Danish head of ABB Transportation.

Daimler is a big supplier to British Rail and London Transport. Its driverless trains operate at Gatwick and Stansted airports and AEG is part of a consortium developing a light rail system for Croydon.

ABB's transport arm made a $140 million operating profit last year, but AEG, acquired by Daimler in 1986, has been a major source of losses. AEG lost more than DM1 billion in 1993 and sold its domestic appliances business to Electrolux of Sweden.

Percy Barnevik, president and chief executive of ABB, said last week that further delays in rolling stock orders threatened the survival of ABB plants at York and Derby. Without new orders by the autumn, mothballing is expected to start at York, while Derby will be scaled down.

GARY ANTHONY



Tighter grip: Tom Farmer, the chairman of Kwik Fit, announced a 15 per cent rise in profits yesterday, strengthening the company's position as the UK's leading car parts group (Susan Gilchrist writes). Pre-tax profits jumped to £29.3 million from £25.4 million in the year to February 28, at the top end of City expectations. Earnings per share rose to 11.89p (10.39p). Mr Farmer said the group had gained share in all three main product sectors of tyres, exhausts and brakes. It now has a fifth of the £800 million UK tyre market and a third of the £240 million exhaust market. It is still a small player in the £500 million brakes sector but Mr Farmer said it was a rapidly growing part of the business. A final dividend of 2.70p (2.30p) brings the total payout to 4.40p (3.80p). Shareholders will be paid on May 8.

Heseltine welcomes boost for jobs from Toyota expansion

BY PHILIP BASSETT
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

MICHAEL HESELTINE, the President of the Board of Trade, yesterday emphasised the importance to Britain of close links with Europe as he welcomed the announcement by Toyota, the Japanese car company, of a doubling of its UK production with the creation of at least 1,000 jobs.

Although Mr Heseltine, a pro-European, made no explicit connection between the continuing row over Europe within the Conservative Party and Toyota's move, Tory Eurosceptics acknowledged privately that he had successfully linked economic achievement in Britain with a close role within Europe.

Mr Heseltine, who held talks with Toyota's senior management on their UK investment during a visit to Japan at the start of the year, said yesterday that the company would not have increased its stake in Britain if the UK did not have full access to European markets.

He added: "Toyota's decision is yet another vote of confidence in the UK as a favoured location for foreign investors. It signals their confidence too in the skills of the UK's workforce, in the potential of the local supply base and in the buoyancy of the UK and wider European economies."

Toyota's announcement of a £200 million expansion of its car manufacturing plant at Burnaston in Derby will mean doubling its annual car production to 200,000 and adding the Corolla model to the Carina E it already makes there — 75 per cent of which is currently exported to Europe.

The move, which will create at least 1,000 jobs directly and many more among component makers and other suppliers was warmly welcomed locally. Bob Higgins, district secretary of the AEEU, the engineering union, said the announcement was particularly welcome because of the "desperately needed" jobs.

Recruitment and training of workers for the new plant, which Toyota will build alongside its existing factory, starting at the end of next year, will begin in mid-1997, with the aim of beginning production in the second half of the following year.

Toyota's Deeside engine plant in Clwyd is likely to benefit from the increased investment as some of the Corolla series engines will be worked on there.

Yukihisa Hirano, Toyota UK managing director, said: "Toyota UK has made a very successful start thanks to the hard work and commitment of its UK workers and European suppliers. The fact that we are about to expand is an endorsement of the quality of these people and of the products they produce."

Welcoming the move, Mr Heseltine said that Britain's car components industry would have to continue to improve its quality, delivery times and service in order to meet the "very high standards Toyota set them".

Plea for transport investment

BUSINESS leaders joined with one of Britain's largest unions yesterday in a call for major investment in the UK's transport industry and the abandonment of such schemes as motorway tolling (Philip Bassett writes).

Leaders of the TGWU mounted what they described as an unprecedented alliance with a range of business organisations in the road transport industry to put policy proposals to Brian Mawhinney, the Transport Secretary, in reply to his call for a national debate on transport in Britain. The business bodies included the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, the Retail Motor Industry Federation, the Road Haulage Association, and the Freight Transport Association.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Underlying profits crumble at UB

UNITED BISCUITS, the McVitie's to KP food group, is to increase investment in marketing and new products to combat what it says are the most hostile conditions in the industry's history. Eric Nicoli, chief executive, said the group would seek to boost volumes to offset the new environment of lower margins. "In the 1980s we got growth from driving margins up. The approach for the 1990s is to drive the top line," he said. His remarks came as UB unveiled a 2 per cent fall in underlying profits to £178.7 million from £181.8 million in the year to December 31. At the pre-tax level, profits rose 15 per cent because of lower exceptional charges.

The reduction was driven by a sharp drop in profits from McVitie's and KP in Britain. Margins were squeezed by increased marketing expenditure and higher packaging costs which could not be immediately passed on to UB's retail customers. The UK crisp wars also hit KP's profits. Elsewhere the picture was more promising. The restructuring of the American operations delivered a 5 per cent increase in profits while the Asia Pacific region grew by 18 per cent. Ross Young, the frozen foods business, was also buoyant. The final dividend is held at 9.8p, making an unchanged total payout of 15.3p. Shareholders will be paid on July 3.

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Big charge at Minorco

PROFITS have plummeted at Minorco's US goldmining operations causing the mining and industrial materials group to take an extraordinary charge of $69 million to cover restructuring and the writedown of high-cost mines. Operating profits for 1994 rose from $169 million to $291 million after a strong performance by Terra, the agribusiness division. Minorco, which has changed its year end from June to December, is paying a final dividend of 38 cents to make 95 cents (57 cents) for the 18 months.

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TeleWest at £65m loss

TELEWEST Communications, the first cable operator listed on the London Stock Exchange, yesterday reported a 1994 pre-tax loss of £65.2 million, almost double its £36.6 million 1993 loss, after the cost of building and depreciating its network continued to climb. The results were in line with analysts' forecasts. Turnover rose by 87 per cent, to £71.7 million. The company expects diminished losses this year as income from new cable television and telephony subscribers grows. The shares, issued at 182p in November, closed at 176p, up 4p.

Warning by Asprey

ASPREY, the jeweller, moved to stem the steep fall in its share price in recent days by announcing that it expected profit in the second half to be similar to that achieved in the first half. However, it gave a warning that there might be limited rationalisation provisions for branch closures. Stock provisions are also likely. In November, Asprey reported pre-tax profits of £3 million in the first half, substantially down on the £12.2 million previously. Asprey's shares fell to 68p on Wednesday, a new low for the year. Yesterday, they rose 7p to 75p.

Davis climbs to £25m

DAVIS SERVICE GROUP, the linen hire-to-cleaning services company, is raising its total dividend to 8.5p (7.98p), with a 6.63p final (5.25p). Pre-tax profits climbed to £25.4 million (£21.8 million) in the year to December 31 as acquisitions helped turnover rise 15 per cent to £322 million. Organic growth and a full contribution from the HSS tool hire operation helped profits from the site services division jump to £13.4 million (£7.54 million). Support services' profitability fell for the first time in eight years.

Dawsongroup record

DAWSONGROUP, the truck and trailer rental company, is lifting the total dividend for 1994 to 5.5p (4.5p), after earning record profits of £11.21 million, rising from £7.92 million. Earnings per share improved to 24.2p from 17.3p. The shares rose 18p to 303p. Turnover was 15 per cent higher at £61.3 million. Tony Frendo, chairman, said the improvement reflected the expansion of the core rental fleet and diversification into new rental sectors. The company continues to look to expand organically and by acquisition.

Tilbury pegs payout

SHARES in Tilbury Douglas, the construction group, rose 35p to 468p after the announcement of a maintained 33p total dividend, in spite of a decline in 1994 pre-tax profits to £15.2 million from £20.9 million. Earnings fell to 30.2p a share (46.2p). The final is unchanged at 22.5p. The profits downturn mainly reflected the impact of disposals, with profits from continuing operations rising 16 per cent to £15.2 million. Highlights were a three-fold increase in building equipment profits and a strong performance from Scottish housebuilding.

Antofagasta rises

ANTOFAGASTA HOLDINGS, whose interests in Chile span mining, banking, railways and water supply, said Mexico's economic woes had not affected Chile's prospects, with foreign investment rising 23.6 per cent in the first two months of the current year, directed mainly at productive sectors of the economy. Antofagasta reported a rise in pre-tax profits in 1994 to £38.3 million (£23.1 million) helped by a £16.4 million surplus on the sale of fixed assets and investments. A final dividend of 3.55p (3p), due on June 15, makes a total of 5p (4.2p).

Rover helps to drive BMW up

Rover, taken over from British Aerospace last year by BMW, the German carmaker, contributed DM12 million to the group net profit of DM697 million, which was 35 per cent up on the previous year.

The Munich car group said yesterday that it would hold its dividend on ordinary shares unchanged at DM12.50, despite the profit surge, but would issue a bonus of DM1.50 on preference shares.

Dealer ahead

Acquisitions and one-off property profits helped Sanderson Bramall Motor Group, the West Yorkshire motor distributor, to pre-tax profits of £8.44 million in the year to December 31 (£3.77 million). There is an increased final dividend of 2.3p (1.74p) payable on May 1, bringing the total payout to 3.3p (2.4p) for the year, from nearly doubled earnings of 19.27p (10.09p) a share.

Cheaper beer

JD Wetherspoon, the pub operator based in the South East, has concluded a new five-year beer supply agreement that will offer the company a "marginal reduction" in its purchasing costs. Tim Martin, chairman, was reporting pre-tax profits that advanced from £2.62 million to £4.76 million in the six months to January 31 and a dividend increased from 2.2p to 2.75p.

Spandex lift

Spandex, a supplier of equipment to the signmaking industry, lifted profits to £7.1 million before tax in 1994 from £5.45 million in the previous year, helped by a ten-month contribution from newly acquired interests in France. The total dividend is lifted to 2.5p a share from 2.3p, with a 1.75p final due on July 14. Earnings improved to 14.3p a share from 10.7p.

Loss trimmed

Air France, the troubled French national carrier poised to sell its 37.5 per cent stake in Sabena, the Belgian carrier, to Swissair, yesterday said it cut its loss to Fr2.7 billion last year from Fr8.5 billion in 1993 and planned to modernise its fleet.

L&G in talks with DTI over surplus

BY SARAH BAGNALL
INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

LEGAL & General held out the promise of bigger dividend payments yesterday when it revealed talks with the Government to transfer surplus reserves on its life fund.

David Prosser, chief executive, said: "Discussions have been initiated with the Department of Trade and Industry with the objective of developing a more rational approach to the transfer from the long-term fund which would support the group's progressive dividend policy."

L&G is the latest of a growing string of insurance companies to seek DTI approval to apportion surplus reserves in the life fund between policyholders and shareholders.

The final dividend was lifted to 14.75p, making a total 21.7p (20.1p). Pre-tax profits fell from £181 million to £164.9 million in the year to December 31, affected by £51.7 million of investment losses, compared with gains of £35.5 million last time. Excluding investment results, profits rose from £145.5 million to £216.6 million. Life and pension profits rose to £163.9 million (£151.7 million). General insurance profits fell to £20.6 million (£27.3 million).

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TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.25	2.06
Austria Sch	16.68	15.18
Belgium Fr	48.99	44.69
Canada $	2.366	2.206
Cyprus Cyp£	0.753	0.698
Denmark Kr	9.58	8.78
Finland Mkk	7.52	6.87
France Fr	8.37	7.72
Germany Dm	2.38	2.17
Greece Dr	379.00	354.00
Hong Kong $	13.00	12.00
Ireland Pt	1.05	0.97
Israel	5.2251	4.4751
Italy Lira	2805.00	2650.00
Japan Yen	157.50	141.50
Malta	0.600	0.545
Netherlds Gld	2.652	2.422
Norway Kr	10.56	9.76
Portugal Esc	250.00	231.50
S Africa Rd	rel.	5.29
Spain Pta	211.50	198.50
Sweden Kr	12.12	11.32
Switzerland Fr	1.96	1.80
Turkey Lira	refer	64730.0
USA $	1.696	1.568

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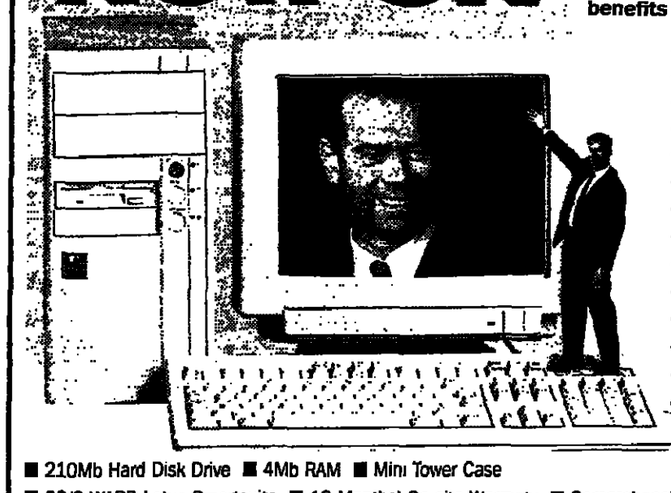
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☐ Pilots shoot down insolvency law ☐ Tiny gets his retaliation in first ☐ Govett ambushed in search for establishment image

Fat cats get the cream

☐ THE squeals from the accountancy world were painful to hear. The happy brethren of the receivership world have long been accustomed to short-circuiting employment law at will, shedding staff as soon as it becomes apparent that their skills are no longer a saleable asset and expecting the Department of Employment to pick up the meagre bill for their statutory redundancy rights.

Now, three airline pilots have overturned all that. The Law Lords' decision yesterday means that any receiver who was rash enough to fire staff during the recession is likely to pay dearly for it. Like all good legal victories, this seems a victory for the common man — for the builders, assembly workers and ship builders who lost their jobs in the recession and were rewarded for 20 years work with as many weeks' salary.

The losers are the high street banks who, as senior creditors, always wind up with the lion's share of the proceeds from any receivership or administration. They now find to their fury that there is someone standing in the queue before them —, the employees.

Taking from the banks to give to the workers has a certain Robin Hood appeal. Unfortunately, it is unlikely to work out that way. Most of the blue collar workers who lost their jobs in duff companies during the recession did not have contracts that entitled them to more than statutory redundancy payments, so they stand to gain nothing.

Instead, it is, as ever, the fat cats who are likely to gain the most. All the directors of the 20,000 companies that crashed during the recession who were kept on for a few weeks by the receivers to show them where the bodies were buried are now on to a winner. They can claim their full severance terms, whether it is a three-year rolling contract or something similar, and look forward to banking it. This is patently grossly unfair. The same people whose incompetence or inability destroyed the companies they ran can now claim hundreds of thousands of pounds, even millions, from the creditors they let down.

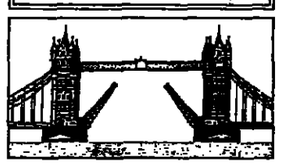
In spite of such a travesty, the Government should think very carefully before bowing to the lobby from the insolvency industry to pass retrospective legislation. The principle of retrospective law is a dangerous one to contemplate, and presenting such a Bill would create an ominous precedent.

Better to take this one on the chin, since the eventual bill is unlikely to be as high as the £1 billion being bandied about. Even better to ensure that the sloppy drafting of the 1986 Insolvency Act is not repeated. Ironically, the two offending clauses were included at the last minute in response to another insolvency case, but they were never intended to be as all-encompassing as they turned out. Who knows what other treasures lurk in recent legislation, just waiting for a bright lawyer to find them for a determined client?

Govett's Duff deal

☐ THE collapse of its attempted acquisition of Duff & Phelps is a bitter blow for Govett, the trans-atlantic fund manager. Duff represented the establishment image that Govett has long craved, and would have been a quantum leap for the group.

But full marks to the American Endeavour Fund for ambushing



Govett so effectively. The fund timed its legal salvo to perfection, knocking almost a pound off the share price. Whether it wins the case now or not is largely irrelevant. The damage it sought has been done.

Although the affair has been interesting it raises a disturbing precedent. In the past, bids have been attacked with all manner of white knights, poisoned pills, demergers and special dividends. But the Govett affair has added another weapon to the financial arsenal: the poisoned lawsuit. It is one that is certain to be seen again.

In future all a malcontent needs to do is trump up some charges against the object of their loathing and wait for it to organise a major share issue. As soon as the target breaks cover, it will be hit by a flurry of legal actions. While US investors take lawsuits in their strides, since suing is a national pastime, British shareholders get nervous when words like writ are bandied around. The share price tumbles and the equity issue hits a brick wall unless it is supported by a large band of indulgent sub-underwriters.

The dangers in this are apparent. Writs are cheap things to fire off. A solicitor should be able to write up your worst accusations in impeccable legalese for a few hundred pounds. But a well publicised lawsuit can and does knock millions of pounds off a company's share price. The poisoned lawsuit could become the financial equivalent of a DIY hydrogen bomb.

If the poisoned lawsuit does become commonplace in this country however, it will not remain so potent for long. Investors will quickly become used to companies slinging writs at one another without any great intention of following them up with a visit to the high court. It will become just another feature of the hostile bid circus, just as the extended slanging match already is.

Song of Rowland

☐ TINY ROWLAND'S latest missive may not be quite up to the hair-raising standards of some of his public attacks on the Fayeds a few years ago, which could bring a smile to the face of even the most dour libel lawyer. But he has not lost his touch.

Mr Rowland was getting his retaliation in first ahead of next Friday's Lonrho annual meeting, which will probably see his removal from the company he created. The meeting will vote on his appointment as life president — an arrangement pre-dating his firing at the start of the month — which the remaining board looks like being successful in repudiating.

Much of his most stinging criticism is reserved for Dieter Bock, the adopted son turned parricide, but there are some entertaining flicks, among others, at Stephen Walls, the non-executive brought on board by Bock and his camp, who "had recently become involved in running a frozen food company called Albert Fisher"; whose shares, Tiny acidly notes, are at their lowest point for two years.

He details the breakdown in his relationship with Bock, which started on an ill-starred trip to Moscow when a smiling Dieter suggested a swap, shares in Lonrho for some in his private company. Tiny, after a polite glance at the balance sheet, declined. "All smiles ceased altogether," he records. Within two years, Bock, "incandescent with rage", was ordering him from the Lonrho headquarters.

But the most telling vignette relates to Lonrho's bankers, brought in to lunch after the City got cold feet in 1992, who carefully waited until after the cigars and brandy had been consumed before requesting the immediate repayment of £100 million or else. It was this about-face, says Tiny, which prompted the Libyans to check into the Hotel Metropole.

The cards are stacked against Tiny, but he should not be written off. His sharp tongue and talent for exhaustive research has brought great men low in the past, as one Alan Bond, back in court in Australia again recently, can readily attest.

Chairman of Reckitt to step down

By Sarah Bagnall

SIR Michael Colman, last of the eponymous mustard dynasty, is to retire as chairman of Reckitt & Colman later this year. His departure coincides with the imminent sale of the company's UK food business, which includes the roustard maker.

Sir Michael, 67, has been chairman since 1986 and is the great-great-great nephew of Jeremiah Colman, who began making mustard at Stoke Holy Cross watermill, near Norwich, in 1814.

The household, toiletries and pharmaceutical group yesterday revealed a rise in pre-tax profits before exceptionals from £257 million to £270.3 million in the year to December 31. The group, which has a range of household brands, such as Dettol, Lemsip and Harpic, made a provision of £139 million. Of this £83.1 million is for the rationalisation of L&F Household, acquired for £1 billion after the year-end, while the balance is for reorganising the group's European manufacturing and distribution operations.

Analysts said the headline figure was in line with forecasts, but they expressed disappointment over the sales performance in Europe and America. European sales fell 2.3 per cent to £865.7 million and by 4.2 per cent in North America. The group recorded strong sales growth in Latin American and South East Asia.

Sir Michael said the results "reflect the slow economic recovery in most of the group's principal countries and continuing intense competitive pressures."

The company said plans to integrate L&F Household have yet to be finalised, but they were expected to produce annual savings of £40 million within three years. The company said the planned sale of the UK foods business was progressing, which, together with several other disposals of non-core businesses, was expected to raise about £400 million over the next two years.

The final dividend is lifted to 11.8p, making 18.66p, up from 17.34p. The dividend is being paid out of adjusted earnings of 45p a share (43.9p).

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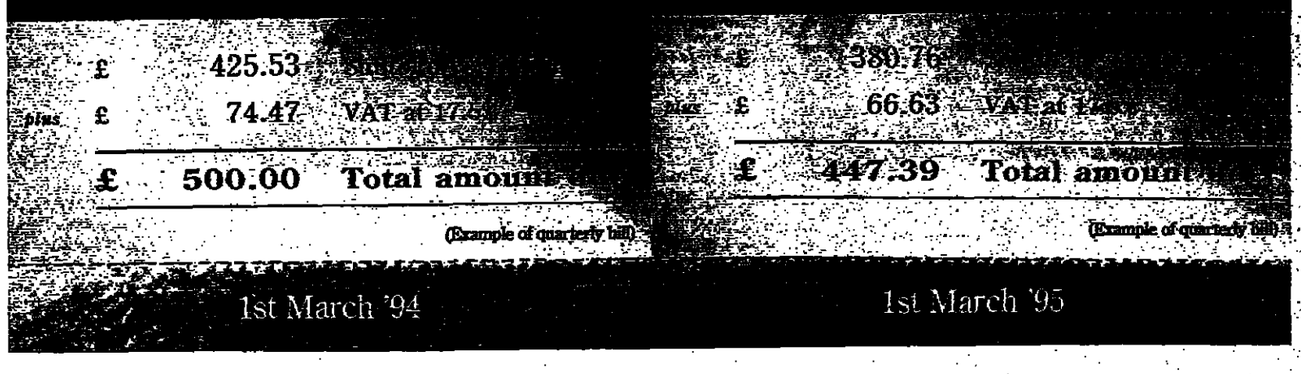
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STOCK MARKET  MICHAEL CLARK

Share rally shrugs off worry over the pound

THE equity market came within sight of the 3,100 level and Government securities climbed by up to £1 on the back of some impressive gains on Wall Street after further encouraging news about the US economy.

The FT-SE 100 index closed at its best of the day, reflecting an early mark-up of more than 30 points by the Dow Jones industrial average and strong gains by US Treasury bonds. London ended with a rise of 47.1 points to 3,094.1, despite renewed weakness in the pound on world currency markets. Brokers have been claiming that the discrepancy between the FT-SE 100 and the Dow Jones could not be justified, and that London was overdue a rally. Yesterday they were proved right.

Buyers chose to ignore the pound's plight and the latest Public Sector Borrowing Requirement figures as they chased prices higher in thin trading. By the close of business, fewer than 600 million shares had changed hands, substantially down on the previous day's tally of 858 million.

With the Dow losing some of its momentum after the close of business in London, brokers were doubtful about this week's gains being extended when trading resumes this morning. Investors will have to contend with the expiry of the March futures contracts and triple witching hour in New York, which combined could create volatility in price movements as traders unwind their positions.

Dealers reported a surge in institutional demand for shares of **Tate & Lyle**, with the sugar producer, headed by Sir Neil Shaw, confirmed as the replacement for Wellcome as a constituent of the FT-SE 100 index after Wellcome's takeover by Glaxo. Tate & Lyle finished the session 13½p higher at 439½p as almost 4 million shares changed hands. The move will be good news for the Tate share price, resulting in an increase in institutional support, especially from the index-tracking funds, which are geared to follow the fortunes of constituent companies.

Meanwhile, **Wellcome** rose 12p to £10.62 as the bid from Glaxo went unconditional. The move came after Glaxo reached agreement with the US authorities over the sale worldwide by Glaxo of a Wellcome migraine product currenty being developed. Glaxo has now received acceptances for the bid totalling 86 per cent of the shares in issue.



Share of the action: Sir Neil Shaw, of Tate & Lyle

Some of the recent takeover speculation in **Northern Electric** evaporated after the Takeover Panel's refusal to allow Trafalgar to pursue a new offer for at least 12 months. By then the uncertainly surrounding the threat from the electricity regulator of tougher pricing will have been resolved. Northern finished 40p down at 781p, while **Trafalgar** were steady at 57p.

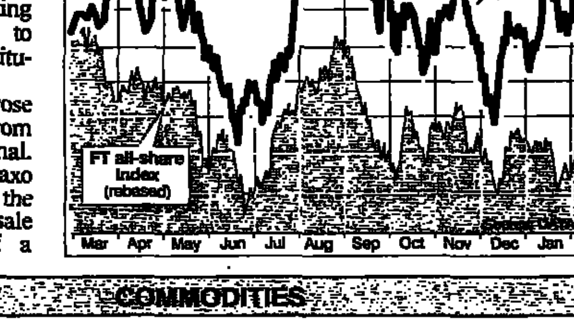
Double-figure gains were recorded among leading shares, with **Blue Circle** 12p better at 287p, **Commerical Union** 15p to 559p, **ICI** 13p to 688p, **RMC** 14p to 971p, **Reuters** 17½p to 474½p and **Severn Trent** 12½p to 507½p. **Zeneca** also jumped 22p to 879p after luanching its new antibiotic.

Allied Domecq rose 5p to 509p after analysts departed from Waterloo International on Le Shuttle for a visit to the group's operations in France, including Pernod.

United Biscuits, the KP nuts and McVitie's food group, marked rose just 1p to 340p in spite of a dip in full year pre-tax profits of almost £3 million to £178.9 million. The company blamed pressure on pricing because of increased competition.

Reckitt & Colman dropped 5½p to 617½p after seeing pre-tax profits plunge from £256.9 million to £160.2 million after restructuring charges of £139.1 million. The group is still in talks with potential buyers for its Colman's of Norwich food business. But this failed to impress brokers, with the likes of Cazenove said to be leading the sellers.

Shanks & McEwan, the waste disposal specialist, continued to benefit from a recent visit by brokers, rising 2p to 78p. Hoare Govett and NatWest Securities have issued buy recommendations. *NatWest says that in little more than a year the group has* made considerable progress in sorting out problems.



Full-year figures from **Kwik-Fit** came in at the top end of market expectations, with a 15 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £29.3 million. *The group has increased mar*ket share, while trimming costs. The number of auto centres increased during the period by 100 to 726 after an investment programme of £36.5 million. But the shares failed to respond, closing just ½p firmer at 145p.

Legal & General jumped 18p to 477p, supported by the news that it is following the lead of United Friendly and is attempting to seek permission to distribute orphan funds. This would benefit shareholders by releasing more funds for dividend payments. The group is currently talking to the Department of Trade and Industry.Full-year pre-tax profits dropped from £181 million to £164.9 million. **Prudential Corporation**, reporting next week, rose 11p to 320p.

Datrontech Group, the computer memory distributor, enjoyed a modest premium in first-time trading after a placing by Panmure Gordon. The shares, placed at 130p, started *life at 138p and touched 136p* before ending at 138p. A total of 545,000 shares were traded.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** Gilts recovered from a hesitant start, reflecting renewed demand for US Treasuries on the back of the latest Philadelphia Federal Reserve survey and a fall in US housing starts. This was in spite of the renewed weakness in the pound, and caution by investors before today's expected announcement from the Bank of England about the next auction.

In the futures pit, the June series of the long gilt climbed £13/16 to £103 17/32 in moderate trading.

Among conventional issues, gains stretched to around £1.Treasury 8¾ per cent 2017 finished that amount better at £104 19/32.

☐ **NEW YORK:** *With inves*tors confident of a soft landing for the economy, US shares extended their gains. At midday the Dow Jones industrial average was up 26.98 points at 4,065.35. Advancing shares led declining issues by about 12 to seven.

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):	
Dow Jones	4065.35 (+26.98)
S&P Composite	494.74 (+2.86)
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	16355.68 (-311.15)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	8347.75 (-17.46)
Amsterdam:	
EOE Index	393.03 (-1.68)
Sydney:	
AO	1908.9 (+4.6)
Frankfurt:	
DAX	1992.06 (-18.08)
Singapore:	
Straits	2075.92 (-0.60)
Brussels:	
General	6881.29 (-29.35)
Paris:	
CAC-40	1785.76 (+47.16)
Zurich:	
SKA Gen	591.50 (+4.40)
London:	
FT 30	2371.5 (+33.6)
FT 100	3094.1 (+47.1)
FT-SE Mid 250	3367.6 (+21.4)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1240.54 (+0.98)
FT A All-Share	1514.89 (+18.65)
FT Non Financials	1634.47 (+18.52)
FT Gold Mines	n/a
FT Fixed Interest	110.23 (+0.40)
FT Govt Secs	92.01 (+0.27)
Bargains	28073
SEAQ Volume	702.7m
USM (Datastrm)	144.68 (+0.22)
US$	1.5920 (-0.0070)
German Mark	2.2097 (-0.0150)
Exchange Index	84.6 (-0.4)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.1996
£:SDR	1.0335
RPI	146.0 Jan (3.3%) Jan 1987=100

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Albright & Wilson (150)	165	+2
Bath Press (10)	12¼	...
Beale	175	-25
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Dailywin (128)	130	...
Datrontech (130)	138	...
GET Group (125)	128	...
Geared IT (100)	100	...
Golden Rose Cms (135)	119	-6
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Inv Tst of Inv Tsts Wts	56	...
MCIT S Cap (35)	33	...
MCIT S Inc (35)	36	...
Melrose Energy Wts	3½	...
Mntmaro UK Sml (100)	93	...
Mntmaro UK Sml Wts	43	...
Natl Power (p/p) (476)	171	-½
Photobition (150)	153	...
PowerGen (p/p) (512)	188½	...
Schroder Gth Uts	495	...
Thrgmrtn Dual Zero	101½	...
Wessex Trust	10¾	-¼
Zotefoams (145)	176	-2

RIGHTS ISSUES

Cadbury Schws (340)	205	+7
Cookson n/p (175)	26	+3
Dalgety n/p (335)	70	+6
Horace Sml Apl n/p (90)	34	...
Torex Hire n/p (50)	2	...
Unit Group n/p (39)	1½	...
Wyko n/p (52)	14	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
Barclays	603p (+10p)
Celltech	265p (+11p)
Bass	510p (+10p)
Zeneca	879p (+22p)
RMC Group	971p (+14p)
ICI	688p (+13p)
Tilbury Douglas	468p (+35p)
Blue Circle	287p (+12p)
FALLS:	
Heywood Williams	246p (-9p)
Courts Furnishers	778p (-10p)

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TEMPUS

Cutting out the mustard

RECKITT & COLMAN has a profound belief in brands; indeed it is so strong that they will pay high prices to own them and invest heavily to protect them. The question is whether shareholders should do likewise and yesterday's sales figures gave the market little encouragement.

Worldwide, the company stood in 1994 with sales falling in the developed economies and emerging markets showing the only real growth. Europe was weak and the company is still looking for a buyer for its UK food businesses; a less than sentimental Reckitt took a long look at the old names and decided they were not world class.

If the sale of Colman's is taking longer than the company hoped, it puts a question mark on the brands philosophy. To justify the high investment needed to keep brands in the eye of shoppers as they rush down supermarket aisles, brands must be world class. Reckitt is *jettisioning those* with only a British flavour and buying world — read American — names. Another reason to shift investment to the US is pressure from retailers. Own-brands have little appeal in America, whereas British shoppers have flocked to discounted supermarket brands in search of lower prices and continental consumers are doing likewise.

Reckitt is hoping that L&F Household will make up for its weak performance last year, and the US brands did generate 4 per cent sales growth in 1994. With cash flow looking less impressive last year, the company needs winners to keep the branded bottles and packets filling trolleys in the northern hemisphere and provide cash to invest in attracting new customers in the South.

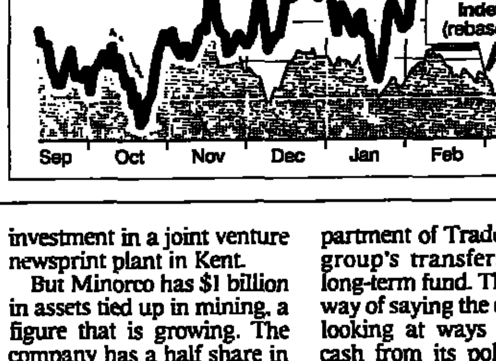
United Biscuits

UNITED Biscuits has long had the dubious pleasure of being the pundits favourite bid stock. Hardly a day goes by without a new potential predator being conjured out of the ether. At least Cadbury Schweppes wrote itself out of the script recently with its bid for Dr Pepper.

*On the face of it, the latest results will do little to damp*en the speculation. Underlying profits appear to have stalled in spite of last year's heavy provisioning, and the improvements at Keebler, the troubled US snack business, are extremely modest.

But it is hard to see any other management team producing better results from the dire markets in which UB operates. In spite of its dominant market share in biscuits and crisps in Britain, UB is being caught in the crossfire of the supermarket price war. Meanwhile the restructuring at Keebler is so fundamental that it will be years before it takes full effect.

All this is against a background of a market that shows little real growth in the developed world. There is growth in the Asia Pacific region and it is heartening to see investment in that region move to the top of UB's *priority list. But such growth is insufficient to counter the* stagnation in UB's main markets. With no relaxation in margin pressure or a rise in volumes in sight, UB's progress is likely to be glacial. The group is also once again burdened by rising debts which are likely to cut interest cover to less than six times this year. In such bleak circumstances, much of the bid talk can be attributed to wishful thinking on the part of UB's luckless investors.



Minorco

MINORCO paid $700 million for its US goldmining operations but after yesterday's figures, independent Minorco investors must regret that the cash windfall from the sale of Minorco's stake in Consolidated Goldfields was not returned to shareholders.

Gold mining has not proved a rich seam for the Luxembourg-based group, and the company earned a mere $3.5 million from digging metal out of the ground: hardly enough to justify Minorco's status as a mining company when compared with group operating profits of $291 million.

Luckily, Minorco's other investments have been blessed with greater fortune and the paper manufacturing inheritance is now being blessed with rising prices and volumes. Those should further improve with the investment in a joint venture newsprint plant in Kent.

But Minorco has $1 billion in assets tied up in mining, a figure that is growing. The company has a half share in one of the world's largest copper resources, which will require over $1 billion of investment with expenditure of more than $400 million committed elsewhere in Chile and Canada.

Minorco boasts huge cash resources but the company will have net debt by the end of 1995 and there is not much *evidence that cash flow will* support a great deal of investment after interest and dividends.

Legal & General

SHARES in Legal & General were the latest in the life assurance sector to catch gold rush fever yesterday when David Prosser, the chief executive, revealed that the group is negotiating with the Department of Trade about the group's transfers from its long-term fund. This is a nice way of saying the company is looking at ways of shifting cash from its policyholders' pockets to its shareholders' — something at which the life assurance industry has historically been jolly good.

In the wake of United Friendly's success in its attempt to distribute more of its life fund to shareholders, the rest of the industry seems to be following suit with unseemly haste. In L&G's case, *transfer levels are linked to* bonus rates. As bonuses fall, the shareholders' interests must be protected at all costs. Of course, L&G would also protect its shareholders' interests if it reversed the 29 per cent fall in new premiums it suffered last year. But that might mean offering policyholders more, and that would never do.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Mar	979-974	May	1034-1033
May	983-982	Jul	1045-1043
Jul	992-991	Sep	1052-1050
Sep	1000-999	Dec	1070-1065
Dec	1015-1009		
Mar	1025-1024	Volume: 6974	

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Mar	3269-3255	Nov	3050-3040
May	3170-3169	Jan	3035-3025
Jul	3106-3105	Mar	3010-3000
Sep	3065-3060	Volume: 3701	

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Dec	324.9-23.0
Spot: 377.0		Mar	320.3-17.5
May	369.5-69.0	May	320.2-16.5
Aug	358.3-57.5	Aug	318.2-14.0
Oct	331.0-30.0	Volume: 1617	

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on March 15

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	92.37	127.44	121.30
(+/-)	+1.10	+2.57	+0.33
Eng/Wales:	92.37	127.92	121.08
(+/-)	+1.10	+2.34	+0.62
(%)	+7.0	+9.0	-1.0
Scotland	unq	126.31	122.34
(+/-)		+3.26	-1.66
(%)		+19.0	+21.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	16.55	+0.15
Brent 15 day (Apr)	16.70	+0.15
Brent 15 day (May)	16.65	+0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Apr)	18.30	+0.20
W Texas Intermediate (May)	18.25	+0.15

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas .15	B: 170 (n/c)	O: 172 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	146 (+1)	147 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Apr	146 (+1)	147 (+1)
Non EEC 1H May	146 (n/c)	147 (n/c)
3.5 Fuel Oil	104 (n/c)	107 (+2)
Naphtha	174 (+1)	175 (-1)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Apr	*144.50-44.75*	*Jul*	*147.25-47.75*
May	145.00-45.25	Aug	149.00-49.50
Jun	145.50-45.75	Vol: 10412	

BRENT (6.00pm)

Apr	16.65-16.66	Jul	16.56-16.59
May	16.66-16.68	Aug	unq
Jun	16.64-16.66	Vol: 44126	

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Mar	113.55	Mar	108.40
May	114.35	May	108.25
Jul	115.70	Sep	100.50
Sep	102.25	Nov	102.70
Nov	103.10	Jan	104.75
Volume: 579		Volume: 26	

POTATO (£/t)	Open	Close
Apr	295.0	290.5
May	340.0	331.5
Jul	unq	...
		Volume: 53

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)

Apr 122.25-122.75

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Mar 95	2265	2256	2265
Apr 95	2275	2245	2255
May 95	2220	2185	2197
Jul 95	1960	1910	1950
Vol: 401 lots		Open interest: 4335	

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)			Rudolf Wolff
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	Cash: 2892.0-2893.0	3mth: 2892.0-2893.0	Vol: 1377550
Lead ($/tonne)	580.00-581.00	591.00-592.00	200250
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1004.5-1005.0	1031.5-1032.0	353775
Tin ($/tonne)	5430.0-5440.0	5490.0-5495.0	20235
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1765.0-1766.0	1806.0-1807.0	1084100
Nickel ($/tonne)	7265.0-7270.0	7390.0-7395.0	50022

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100	Mar 95	3050.0	3100.0	3047.0	3093.0	19843
Previous open interest: 70897	Jun 95	3051.0	3105.0	3051.0	3099.5	15508
FT-SE 250	Mar 95	3345.0	3362.0	3345.0	3360.0	11
Previous open interest: 4411	Jun 95	3367.0	3367.0	3367.0	3383.0	9
Three Month Sterling	Jun 95	92.58	92.62	92.48	92.60	35846
Previous open interest: 388684	Sep 95	92.14	92.19	92.05	92.19	18769
	Dec 95	91.85	91.89	91.75	91.88	8459
Three Mth Eurodollar	Jun 95				93.54	0
Previous open interest: 1204	Sep 95				93.34	0
Three Mth Euro DM	Jun 95	94.83	94.87	94.78	94.86	69068
Previous open interest: 740322	Sep 95	94.52	94.56	94.44	94.55	54696
Long Gilt	Mar 95	102-24	103-11	102-24	103-10	389
Previous open interest: 88951	Jun 95	103-00	103-20	102-21	103-16	66547
Japanese Govmt Bond	Jun 95	111.92	112.30	111.92	112.24	4469
	Sep 95					0
German Gov Bd Bund	Jun 95	91.42	92.07	91.15	92.00	186816
Previous open interest: 174675	Sep 95	90.80	91.35	90.70	91.50	449
Three month ECU	Jun 95	93.03	93.05	92.95	93.05	3583
Previous open interest: 19808	Sep 95	92.92	92.95	92.84	92.95	1529
Euro Swiss Franc	Jun 95	96.14	96.21	96.13	96.19	5031
Previous open interest: 34194	Sep 95	95.91	95.94	95.89	95.94	1371
Italian Govmt Bond	Jun 95	92.20	93.60	92.00	93.28	52074
Previous open interest: 49369	Sep 95				92.38	0

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6¾ Finance Hse 7

Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5 Low 6¼ Week fixed: 5⅞

Treasury Bills (Dis):Buy: 2 mth 6⅛ ; 3 mth 6¼ . Sell: 2 mth 6⅛ ; 3 mth. 6⅛ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	6⅛-5⅞	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅝-6⅛	
Sterling Money Rates:	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅝-6⅛	7⅛-6⅞	7⅝-7⅛
Interbank:	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅝-6⅛	7⅛-6⅞	7⅝-7⅛
Overnight: open 5⅞, close 7 .					
Local Authority Deps:	6⅛	n/a	6⅛	6⅞	7⅛
Sterling CDs:	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	7-6⅞	7⅛-7⅛
Dollar CDs:	*6.03*	*n/a*	*6.16*	*6.34*	*6.66*
Building Society CDs:	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅝-6⅛	7⅛-6⅞	7⅛-7⅛

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Jan 31, 1995 Agreed rates Feb 26, 1995 to Mar 25, 1995 Scheme III: 7.87%. Reference rate Dec 31, 1994 to Jan 31, 1995 Scheme IV & V: 6.624 %.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	6-5½	6⅛-5⅞	6⅛-6	6¼-6⅛	5⅛-4⅞
Deutschemark:	4⅞-4¾	4⅞-4¾	5-4¾	5⅛-5	5⅛-4¾
French Franc:	8¼-7¾	8⅛-7	8⅛-7	8⅛-7	9-7
Swiss Franc:	3⅜-3¼	3⅜-3¼	3⅜-3¼	3⅜-3¼	4⅛-3¼
Yen:	2⅛-2	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-1⅞

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $385.00-385.40 Close: $383.40-383.90 High: $385.85-386.25 Low: $383.00-383.50 AM: $385.15 PM: $383.70

Krugerrand: $394.00-386.00 (£241.00-243.00)

Platinum: $421.50 (£263.75) Silver: $4.70 (£2.955) Palladium: $161.85 (£101.30)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for March 16	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.4774-2.5015	2.4827-2.4859	¼-⅛pr	1-⅞pr
Brussels	45.59-46.16	45.59-45.69	2-4ds	1-5ds
Copenhagen	8.9060-8.9840	8.9100-8.9240	⅛-1⅛ds	1⅛-3ds
Dublin	1.0008-1.0079	1.0008-1.0035	5-9ds	15-24ds
Frankfurt	2.2049-2.2288	2.2154-2.2185	⅛-⅛pr	⅛-⅛pr
Lisbon	233.60-235.68	233.60-234.24	80-96ds	248-286ds
Madrid	204.01-205.01	204.43-204.73	51-77ds	143-195ds
Milan	2658.30-2701.70	2685.60-2695.30	10-13ds	29-35ds
Montreal	2.2408-2.2672	2.2408-2.2439	0.35-0.45ds	0.61-0.75ds
New York	1.5854-1.5966	1.5854-1.5864	0.01pr-par	0.13-0.10pr
Oslo	9.9050-9.9880	9.9260-9.9420	1⅛-⅛pr	3⅛-1⅛pr
Paris	7.8710-7.9320	7.8750-7.8990	1⅛-1⅛ds	3⅛-4⅛ds
Stockholm	11.4100-11.5410	11.4430-11.4670	2-2⅛ds	5⅛-6⅛ds
Tokyo	142.40-143.56	143.00-143.26	1⅛-⅛pr	1⅛-1⅛pr
Vienna	15.44-15.70	15.44-15.47	2-1⅛pr	6⅛-5⅛pr
Zurich	1.8301-1.8475	1.8444-1.8473	⅛-⅛pr	1⅛-1⅛pr

Source: Extel *Premium - pr. Discount - ds*

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3395-1.3404
Austria	*9.76-9.77*
Belgium (Com)	28.64-28.65
Canada	1.4151-1.4156
Denmark	5.6010-5.6040
France	4.9500-4.9520
Germany	1.3865-1.3875
Hong Kong	7.7307-7.7314
Ireland	1.5861-1.5870
Italy	1671.0-1676.0
Japan	*89.49-89.54*
Malaysia	2.5465-2.5475
Netherlands	1.5566-1.5576
Norway	6.2145-6.2165
Portugal	146.69-146.79
Singapore	1.4110-1.4120
Spain	128.31-128.46
Sweden	7.1779-7.1854
Switzerland	1.1500-1.1510

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5984-1.6010
Australia dollar	2.1319-2.1347
Bahrain dinar	0.5965-0.6085
Brazil real*	1.4129-1.4171
Cyprus pound	0.7065-0.7165
Finland markka	*6.870-7.986*
Greece drachma	359.75-366.75
Hong Kong dollar	12.2934-12.2999
India rupee	49.91-50.87
Kuwait dinar KD	0.467-0.477
Malaysia ringgit	4.0486-4.0520
Mexico peso	n/a
New Zealand dollar	2.4387-2.4428
Pakistan rupee	48.75 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.9325-6.0585
Singapore dollar	*2.2435-2.2465*
S Africa rand (fin)	n/a
S Africa rand (com)	5.6848-5.6965
U A E dirham	5.6798-5.6914

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	228	Legal & Gn	7,200
ASDA Gp	2,300	Lloyds Bk	2,300
Abbey Natl	2,100	MEPC	772
Alld Dom	311	Marks Spr	3,900
Argyll Gp	747	NatWst Bk	2,500
Arjo Wiggn	3,900	Nat Power	2,400
AB Foods	93	Nth Wst W	294
BAA	4,100	P & O	592
BAT Inds	*4,700*	*Pearson*	*727*
BOC	1,900	PowerGen	3,000
BP	17,000	Prudential	12,000
BTR	9,700	RMC	266
BT	8,900	RTZ	3,600
Bk of Scot	1,400	Rank Org	2,000
Barclays	5,000	Reckitt Col	6,900
Bass	3,300	Redland	1,100
Blue Circle	5,400	Reed Intl	4,200
Boots	*2,000*	*Rentokil*	*2,200*
Bowater	2,300	Reuters	5,700
Brit Aero	2,600	Rolls Royce	2,200
Brit Airwys	6,500	Ryl Ins	4,200
Brit Gas	10,000	Ryl Bk Scot	623
Brit Steel	7,300	Sainsbury	1,100
Burmah Cstl	227	Schroders	66
Cable Wire	4,200	Scot & New	1,400
Cadbury	6,300	Scot Power	1,400
Caradon	2,800	*Sears*	*2,000*
Carlton Cms	793	Svrn Trent	993
Cm Union	1,500	Shell Trans	2,600
Courtaulds	903	Siebe	751
De La Rue	1,000	SmKl Bch	3,600
Eastern Elec	1,800	Smith Nph	356
Enterpr Oil	3,900	Sthern Elec	401
Forte	3,600	Std Chartd	2,000
GKN	838	Sun Allnce	2,900
GRE	2,100	TI Gp	578
GUS	835	TSB	3,700
Gen Acc	1,100	Tesco	5,600
Gen Elec	5,700	Thames W	1,600
Glaxo	3,700	Thrn EMI	1,100
Granada	986	Tomkins	3,500
Grand Met	5,100	Unilever	948
Guinness	6,300	Utd Bisc	3,700
HSBC	10,000	Vodafone	10,000
Hanson	3,900	Warburg	1,600
ICI	3,100	Wellcome	1,800
Inchcape	2,900	Whitbread	397
Kingfisher	4,200	Wllms Hld	766
Ladbroke	6,000	Wolseley	1,300
Land Secs	1,900	Zeneca	2,600

WALL STREET

	Mar 16 *midday*	Mar 15 *close*
AMP Inc	37¼	36¾
AMR Corp	62½	61⅛
AT & T	52¼	52½
Abbott Labs	36⅛	36¼
Advanced Micro	35	34⅜
Aetna Life	56¼	55⅞
Ahmanson (HF)	18¼	17¼
Air Prod & Chem	49¼	49¼
Alberson's	31½	31½
Alcan Alumnm	25¼	25
Alco Standard	70¼	70
Allied Signal	38	38
Alum Co of Am	38¼	38¼
Amax Gold Inc	5⅛	5¼
Amerada Hess	47¼	47¼
Amer Brands	37½	37¼
Amer El Power	32⅝	32¼
Amer Express	32¼	32¼
Amer Genl Corp	32	32¼
Amer Home Pr	73	72⅞
Amer Intl	105¼	104¼
Amer Stores	24½	24⅛
Ameritech	43¼	43¼
Amoco	61	60¼
Anheuser-Busch	57¼	57¼
Apple Computer	35¼	35
Archer Daniels	19⅛	19⅛
Armco	7¼	7
Armstrng Wrld	46⅛	46¼
Asarco	24¼	24⅛
Ashland Oil	32⅛	32¼
Atl Richfield	112⅛	112
Auto Data Pro	63	62⅞
Avery Dennison	39⅛	38⅛
Avon Products	56¼	56¼
Baker Hughes	19¼	19¼
Baltim Gas & El	23⅛	23¼
Banc One	27¼	27¼
BankAmerica	47¼	47¼
Bank of NY	31¼	31¼
Bankers Tr NY	52⅝	51½
Barnett Banks	44¼	43½
Bausch & Lomb	34¼	33¼
Baxter Intl	33¼	33¼
Bectn Dicknsn	55¼	55¼
Bell Atlantic	54¼	53⅞
BellSouth	59¼	59
Black & Decker	25	26¼
Block (H&R)	44¼	44⅛
Boeing	49¼	48
Boise Cascade	31¼	31¼
Borden Inc	13¼	13¼
Bristol Myrs Sq	63¼	63¼
Browning Ferris	33¼	33⅛
Brunswick	21¼	20¼
Burlington Nthn	57¼	57¼
CBS	67	66¼
CNA Financial	74¼	74¼
CPC Intl	54⅛	54⅛
CSX	77¼	77
Campbell Soup	48¼	48¼
Can Pacific	14¼	13¼
Cptl Cities ABC	87¼	89¼
Carolina Pwr	27	26¼
Caterpillar	50¼	49¼
Central & Sw	24⅛	24
Champion Intl	39	38¼
Chase Manhat	34¼	34¼
Chemical Bk	39¼	39¼
Chevron Corp	47¼	47
Chrysler	40¼	40¼
Chubb Corp	79	78¼
Cigna Corp	75¼	75¼
Citicorp	42	42¼
Clorox	62¼	61
Coastal Corp	26¼	26⅛
Coca Cola	58¼	57
Colgate-Palmolive	66¼	65¼
Columbia Gas	26¼	25¼
Compaq Comp	32¼	32
Comp Ass Intl	63¼	63¼
Conagra	32¼	32¼
Conrail	55¼	54¼
Cons Edison	27⅛	27¼
Cons Nat Gas	36¼	36¼
Cooper Inds	38¼	38⅛
Corning Inc	33	33¼
Crown Cork	43¼	43¼
Dana Corp	24⅛	24¼
Dayton Hudson	66¼	68¼
Deere	76¼	75¼
Delta Air Lines	57¼	56⅛
Deluxe Corp	27	26¼
Detroit Edison	27¼	27½
Digital Equip	32¼	32¼
Dillard Dept St	24¼	24¼
Disney (Walt)	55	54¼
Dominion Res	36½	36⅛
Donelley (RR)	35	34¼
Dover Corp	60⅛	59¼
Dow Chemical	68¼	67¼
Dow Jones	36¼	36½
Dresser	20¼	20¼
Duke Power	39	38¼
Dun & Bradstreet	53⅛	53¼
Du Pont	57⅛	56½
Eastman Kodak	52⅛	52
Eaton Corp	50¼	50¼
Emerson Elec	64¼	64⅛
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	Mar 16 *midday*	Mar 15 *close*
Enron Corp	33	33
Entergy	20¼	20¼
Ethyl Corp	10⅛	10
Exxon	65	64½
FMC Corp	59¼	59⅛
FPL Group	35¼	35
Federal Express	65⅛	66¼
Fed Nat Mtge	77⅛	77
First Chicago	48½	48½
First Interstate	79¼	79⅛
First Union Rlty	8⅛	8
Fleet Finl Grp	31⅛	31⅛
Fluor Corp	47½	47¼
Ford Motor	26	26¼
GTE Corp	34⅛	34¼
Gannett	53½	52¼
Gap Inc Del	31¼	31¼
Gen Dynamics	46⅛	46¼
Gen Electric	54⅛	53⅞
Gen Mills	62⅞	63⅛
Gen Motors	42¼	41¼
Gen Reinsurance	129¼	129¼
Gen Signal	35¼	35¼
Genuine Parts	39⅛	39
Georgia Pac	71½	73¼
Gillette	82¼	81¼
Glaxo ADR	22¼	22⅛
Goodrich (BF)	44⅛	44⅛
Goodyear Tire	35¼	35
Grace (W&R)	49¼	48
Grt Atl Pac Tea	21⅛	20¼
Great Wstn Fin	18⅛	18
Halliburton	37	37¼
Harcourt General	40	39¼
Heinz (HJ)	39¼	39⅛
Hercules	46¼	45¼
Hershey Foods	51	50
Hewlett Packard	130½	120¼
Hilton Hotels	69¼	69¼
Home Depot	45	44¼
Homestake Mng	17⅛	17
Honeywell	37¼	37¼
Household Intl	43¼	43¼
Houston Inds	38¼	38½
Humana	24⅛	23⅛
ITT Corp	99¼	99¼
Illinois Tool	44¼	44¼
Illinova	23	22¼
INCO	26¼	26¼
Ingersoll Rand	30	29¼
Inland Steel	26¼	26½
Intel Corp	81⅛	81¼
IBM	82¼	91¼
Intl Flav & Fr	52	51⅛
Intl Paper	71¼	72½
James River Va	24¼	24½
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	61¼	61½
Kellogg	58½	59¼
Kerr-McGee	49¼	49¼
Kimberly-Clark	52⅛	52¼
Kmart	12¼	12½
Knight-Ridder	55	55¼
Lilly (Eli)	68¼	68⅛
Limited Inc	18¼	18⅛
Lin Brdcstng	121¼	121½
Lincoln Nat	40¼	40¼
Litton	32¼	33¼
Liz Claiborne	14⅛	14½
Lockheed	81¼	81¼
Louisiana Pac	26¼	27
MCI Comm	20⅛	20⅛
Marriott Int	33¼	33¼
Marsh & McLnn	63¼	63
Masco Corp	25½	25¼
May Dept St	35⅛	34¼
Maytag Corp	16¼	16⅛
McDonalds	34¼	34½
McDonnell D	55¼	55¼
McGraw Hill	70¼	70
Mead Corp	51¼	52½
Medtronic	65¼	64¼
Mellon Bk	39½	39½
Melville Corp	32¼	31½
Merck Inc	43¼	42¼
Merrill Lynch	43¼	43¼
Minnesota Mine	56¼	56¼
Mobil Corp	88¼	88
Monsanto	77¼	76⅛
Morgan (JP)	60¼	60¼
Motorola Inc	56¼	56⅛
Natl Medical	15¼	15¼
Natl Semi	17⅛	17½
Natl Service Ind	26¼	26⅛
Navistar Int	12¼	12¼
NBD Bancorp	31¼	31⅛
NY Times A	22	21⅛
Newmont Mng	39¼	40¼
Niag Mohawk	14¼	14¼
Nike B	76⅛	76⅛
NL Industries	13¼	13
Noram Energy	5⅛	5⅛
Nordstrom	39	38½
Norfolk Sthrn	65¼	65⅛
Nthn State Pwr	44	43½
Norwest Corp	25⅛	25
Nynex Corp	40¼	40½
Occidental Pet	20¼	20¼
Ohio Edison	20	19¼
Oracle Systems	33⅛	32½
Oryx Energy Co	11¼	11⅛

	Mar 16 *midday*	Mar 15 *close*
Owens Corning	34	33⅛
PPG Industries	35¼	35⅛
PNC Bank	24¼	24⅛
Paccar Inc	42¼	42¼
Pacificorp	18¼	18⅛
Pac Enterprises	23⅛	23¼
Pac Gas & Elec	24⅛	24⅛
Pac Telesis	30	30⅛
Pall Corp	21½	21½
Panhandle East	21⅛	21⅛
Parker Hannifin	44¼	44⅛
Peco Energy	25⅛	25⅛
Penney (JC)	44⅛	43⅛
Pennzoil	47¼	47⅛
Pepsico	40⅛	39¼
Pfizer	84⅛	83⅛
Phelps Dodge	53⅛	53⅛
Philip Morris	63⅛	64⅛
Phillips Pet	35	35
Pitney Bowes	36⅛	35⅛
Polaroid	33	32¼
PriceCostco	13	12⅛
Procter & Gmbl	68⅛	68¼
Providian	35⅛	36
Pub Serv E & G	27⅛	27⅛
Quaker Oats	32⅛	33⅛
Ralston Purina	49	48⅛
Raychem Corp	40¼	39⅞
Raytheon	72¼	71⅛
Reebok Intl	34⅛	34¼
Reynolds Metals	47⅛	47⅛
Roadway Srvcs	50⅛	50
Rockwell Intl	39⅛	39⅞
Rohm & Haas	54⅛	53⅛
Royal Dutch	116⅛	116
Rubbermaid	33¼	33
Safeco Corp	55⅛	55⅛
St Paul's Cos	50⅛	50⅛
Salomon Inc	34⅛	33⅛
Santa Fe Pac	22⅛	12⅛
Sara Lee Corp	27⅛	27⅛
Scecorp	15⅛	15⅛
Schering Plough	76⅛	76⅛
Schlumberger	58	57⅛
Scott Paper	84⅛	84⅛
Seagram	30⅛	30⅛
Sears Roebuck	50¼	51⅛
Shell Trans	69⅛	68⅛
Sherwin Wlms	33⅛	34⅛
Skyline Corp	18⅛	18⅛
Snap-On-Tools	34⅛	34⅛
Southern Co	20⅛	20
Sthwestern Bell	42¼	41⅛
Sprint Corp	29⅛	28⅛
Stanley Works	40⅛	40⅛
Sun Company	27¼	27⅛
Sun Microsys	33⅛	33⅛
Suntrust	54⅛	54⅛
Supervalu	26¼	26⅛
Sysco Corp	26⅛	26⅛
TRW Inc	65½	65⅛
TCC Inds	2⅛	2¼
Tandem Comp	17⅛	17
Tandy Corp	47⅛	47⅛
Teledyne	22⅛	22⅛
Temple Inland	45	46⅛
Tenneco	45¼	45⅛
Texaco	65¼	64⅛
Texas Inst	89⅛	90⅛
Texas Utilities	31⅛	31⅛
Textron	53½	54
Time Warner	38⅛	38⅛
Times-Mirror A	18⅛	18½
Timken	33⅛	33⅛
Torchmark	41	41⅛
Toys R Us	25	24⅛
Transamerica	56⅛	58
Travelers	39	38⅛
Tribune	55⅛	55⅛
Tyco Labs	53⅛	52⅛
UST Inc	30¼	30⅛
UAL	92¼	92⅛
USX Marathon	16⅛	16⅛
Unicom	26¼	26⅛
Unilever NV	127⅛	126⅛
Union Camp	48¼	49⅛
Union Carbide	30⅛	29⅛
Union Pacific	52¼	51⅛
Unisys Corp	9⅛	9⅛
USAir Group	5¼	5⅛
USF&G Corp	14	14⅛
US Life	37	38⅛
US West	40⅛	40⅛
United Tech	66⅛	66⅛
Unocal Corp	28	28⅛
Upjohn	35½	35⅛
VF Corp	50⅛	50⅛
WMX Tech	27⅛	27
Wal-Mart Stores	24⅛	24⅛
Warner-Lambert	77⅛	77
Wells Fargo	160⅛	159⅛
Westinghouse El	14⅛	14⅛
Weyerhaeuser	37⅛	38
Whirlpool	53⅛	52⅛
Whitman	18	17⅛
Winn Dixie	56	55⅛
Woolworth	16⅛	16⅛
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	46	45⅛
Xerox	118¼	118⅛
Yellow Corp	17⅛	17⅛

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Apr	Jul	Oct	Puts Apr	Jul	Oct
Alld Dom.	500	16½	26½	35	8	21½	25½
(*507)	550	2	7	15½	43	54½	58
Argyll	280	18	23	28½	4	11	14½
(*291)	300	7½	13	18½	13½	22	25½
ASDA	70	3½	6½	7½	2	3	5
(*72)	80	0	2½	4	8½	9	10
Boots	500	15½	29	36½	6	21	22½
(*507½)	550	0½	9	16	42½	53½	54
Br Airways	360	31	39½	45½	1½	10	13½
(*387)	390	11	22	28½	11½	23	27
BP	390	24	32	40½	2½	7½	12½
(*409½)	420	5½	15	25	15	20½	26½
Br Steel	160	6	11	14½	4	7½	9½
(*161½)	180	0½	3½	6½	18½	20	21½
C & W	360	33½	42½	49½	1½	8½	11½
(*389)	390	12½	25½	32½	11	20½	24
CU	543	14	—	—	17	—	—
(*555)	592	1½	—	—	57½	—	—
ICI	650	41½	60½	68½	4½	11½	16
(*685)	700	12	30	40½	23½	32	40
Kingfshr	420	17	24½	37	10½	21	27
(*431)	460	1½	9	20½	41	46½	51
Land Sec	550	44½	51½	55½	2	10½	13
(*590½)	600	10	18½	26	16	34½	38
M & S	360	29½	34	41	0½	6	8½
(*386½)	390	8	14½	23	9	18½	21½
Nat West	500	19	37	44	9	17	25
(*508½)	550	2½	15	21½	42½	46	53
Sainsbury	420	12	20½	29	8	18½	22½
(*421)	460	1	6	13½	39	45½	48½
Shell	700	27	35	48	9	16½	24
(*724½)	750	2½	13	34	44½	47½	52
Smkl Bch	500	25	38½	47½	6½	15	21
(*517)	550	3½	15	24	35	42½	47½
Storehse	300	16½	21½	24	0½	4½	5½
(*314½)	320	4	9½	13	8	13½	14½
Trafalgar	50	8	10	11½	0½	1½	2
(*57)	60	2	4½	6	4½	6	6½
Unilever	1150	50	66½	94	10	22½	31
(*1196)	1200	13½	40½	64½	34½	46	53½
Zeneca	850	43	68½	81½	12	23½	34½
(*879½)	900	17	41½	55	36	47	58
Series		**May**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**May**	**Aug**	**Nov**
Grnd Met	360	29	34	40½	3½	9	11
(*381½)	390	10	16	24	15	22	24½
Ladbroke	160	12	17	20	4	7	9½
(*170½)	180	3	8	11	16	18½	20½
Utd Bisc	330	16	26	30½	12½	18	21½
(*340)	360	4½	15½	18	33½	37	40

Series		Calls Apr	Jul	Oct	Puts Apr	Jul	Oct
BAA	420	26	35	42	3	9½	12½
(*441)	450	7½	—	—	14	—	—
Thames W	460	29½	38½	43	3	17½	20
(*483½)	500	6½	16	22½	20½	40	42
Series		**May**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**May**	**Aug**	**Nov**
BAT Ind	420	17	27	33	15½	25	29
(*434½)	460	3½	12	17½	44	51	53½
BTR	330	8	17	21	15½	19	24
(*331½)	360	1	7	10½	39	41	44
Br Aero	487	24½	—	—	14½	—	—
(*495)	536	6½	—	—	44½	—	—
Br Telcm	360	23	29½	34	4	12	14
(*372½)	390	7½	13½	19	19	28	30
Cadbury	409	42	52	—	2½	6	—
(*444½)	447	15½	28	—	13½	19	—
Guinness	420	10½	20½	26½	18½	30½	24
(*420½)	460	2½	7½	12	50	50	52
GEC	280	17½	22	25½	4	10	12½
(*290½)	300	7	11½	15½	15½	21	23
Hanson	220	19½	23	24½	2	4½	7
(*236)	240	6½	11	13½	9	15	16
LASMO	140	14½	18½	22	2	4	5½
(*151)	160	4	7½	11½	11½	13½	14½
Lucas	200	10	17½	21	9	12½	16½
(*200½)	220	3½	10½	15	23	25	26½
Pilkingtn	160	14	17	20½	2	5	6½
(*171)	180	3½	6½	10½	11	15	16½
Prudential	300	21½	26	30	6	9	13
(*320)	330	4½	11½	15½	23	25	29½
Redland	430	28	34	38½	12	18	23
(*443½)	460	7½	14	20½	38	42	46
R-Royce	160	6½	12	14	8½	11	12½
(*160½)	180	1½	5	7½	24	25	26
Tesco	240	23	25	28	2½	5½	8
(*260½)	260	8	13	17	11	14½	17
Vodafone	180	22½	26½	31	2	5	7
(*198½)	200	9½	14½	19½	8½	13	15½
Williams	300	24½	28	31	4½	9	13½
(*320½)	330	6	12½	16	20½	24½	28½

FT-SE INDEX (*3096)

	2950	3000	3050	3100	3150	3200
Calls						
Mar	143	94	44	5½	1	1
Apr	151½	112½	78	49½	29	15½
May	173½	137½	105½	76½	55	37
Jun	187½	151½	122½	94	72½	52½
Dec	—	249	—	190½	—	144½
Puts						
Mar	1	1	1	14	63	113
Apr	15½	26½	42	63½	92½	129
May	30	43½	61	82	110	143
Jun	41½	55	75	96½	124½	154½
Dec	—	106	—	146½	—	199½

Series		Calls Jun	Sep	Dec	Puts Jun	Sep	Dec
Abbey Nat	420	37	45½	50	7½	12½	15
(*443)	460	15	22	29	25½	31½	33½
Amstrad	150	18½	—	—	3½	—	—
(*162½)	175	5½	—	—	16	—	—
Barclays	550	63½	73½	82½	6	13	17½
(*599)	600	30	41½	52½	21½	32	36½
Blue Circ	280	17½	24½	28	13½	19½	22
(*286)	300	8½	16	19½	26	31½	33½
Br Gas	280	16½	20	24	8½	11½	16
(*299½)	300	6½	11	15	20½	23	27
Dixons	200	21½	23½	26	5	9	11½
(*213½)	220	10	13	15½	13½	19	21
Forte	220	20½	25	27	5½	8½	10½
(*230)	240	8½	14	16½	15	18	20
Hillsdwn	160	16½	19½	20½	4	6½	9½
(*175)	180	4½	8½	10½	15	17	18½
Lonrho	140	10½	13½	17	6½	9½	11½
(*142)	160	3	6	9	19½	22	23
Sears	90	10	11½	13	1½	2½	3
(*98½)	100	3½	6	8	6	7½	8
Thrn EMI	1000	62	73½	82	16½	34½	41
(*1029)	1050	33½	44½	55½	38½	60	66
Tomkins	220	22	25½	29	4½	9	11½
(*234)	240	10½	14½	19	13½	19	21½
TSB	240	17½	23½	28	10	14½	15½
(*249½)	260	9	14½	15½	21	25	26½
Wellcome	1000	63½	73½	—	—	6½	—
(*1062)	1050	22	34	—	—	22	22
Series		**Apr**	**Jul**	**Oct**	**Apr**	**Jul**	**Oct**
Glaxo	650	56	74½	87½	4	14	27
(*699½)	700	21	43½	57½	19½	33	50½
HSBC	650	47	59	74½	11½	25	37
(*694½)	700	13	35	50	37½	50½	62
Reuter	460	18	31½	46	9½	20	24
(*473½)	500	5	14½	27½	36½	42½	46
Series		**May**	**Jul**	**Oct**	**May**	**Jul**	**Oct**
Royal Ins	280	21	27½	31½	6½	9½	15
(*292½)	300	10½	16	21	16	19	24½
Series		**Jun**	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Jun**	**Sep**	**Dec**
Fisons	140	21½	26	28½	5½	9	11½
(*156½)	160	10½	16	18½	15	18½	21
Series		**May**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**May**	**Aug**	**Nov**
Eastern Gp	550	44	55½	63½	14	27	35½
(*574½)	600	15	32	40	37½	56½	63
Series		**Jun**	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Jun**	**Sep**	**Dec**
Natl Pwr	420	30	34½	42½	12½	16½	19
(*457½)	460	10	16½	23½	30½	38½	40½
Scot Pwr	300	32½	37½	41	5	10½	12
(*322½)	330	14	20½	25	16½	25	20½

March 16, 1995 Tot: 42277 Call: 26042 Put: 16235 FT-SE Call: 13640 Put: 9149

*Underlying security price.

Bidders line up for a piece of the train set

The privatisation of British Rail is now being pushed along at breakneck pace, Ross Tieman reports

A procession of captains of industry, middle managers and hired couriers will make their way today to the blue glass and steel offices of Samuel Montagu in Lower Thames Street in the City.

Such visitors call there every day. But the dry legal documents brought this morning to the bank's airy atrium are of special importance to all who work or travel on Britain's railways. For these are the first submissions from bidders keen to take over services on a large chunk of the network.

Although the start was sluggish, the privatisation of British Rail is now being hurried through at breakneck pace. The number of franchises being offered in this first round has been increased from six to eight. At the same time, Railtrack has invited proposals for the £1 billion reconstruction and operation of the West Coast main line. The action should enable Roger Salmon, the franchise director, to let more than half of all services to private operators by April 1996.

By then, most of BR's 60 support businesses, ranging from maintenance and engineering to train leasing companies, will have been transferred to the private sector. Railtrack, the core of the system, will be poised for flotation. Unless an election intervenes, the privatisation will be largely complete by the middle of next year.

Well, you can sell anything, at a price. But finding companies willing to run the services always looked like the hardest part of the plan. Dependent on subsidy, vulnerable to failures by Railtrack, and almost devoid of assets, the franchises appear to embody a high level of risk.

In a farewell interview, Sir Bob Reid, the British Rail chairman, said this week that he had opposed the franchise system. He added: "Some companies are going to get into trouble, as in any commercial enterprise. Those operators that are doing well will have to pick up the other ones."

Yet far from the dearth of interest that had been forecast, Mr Salmon insists that companies are now queuing to get involved. "I am expecting that we will have several bidders for every franchise," he says.

Almost every management team has found venture-capital backers to mount a bid. Some are already going public. Earlier this week, John Ellis, director of Scotrail, announced plans for a management offer to run the entire Scottish railway system.

Other bids are expected from utility companies, familiar with running regulated industries; from conglomerates seeking businesses with strong positive cash flows; and from transport undertakings, such as bus companies, which can reap advantages from integrating road and rail operations.

The pretence of competition over particular routes has collapsed. Even Mr Salmon believes that in the medium term, four or five companies will emerge to dominate provision of rail services. According to him, there will be considerable cost advantages to a company holding several franchises. And there are operational advantages too. London & Continental Railways, one of the four consortiums bidding to build the fast link from London to the Channel Tunnel, plans to pre-qualify for all the franchises offered in the first round. In an effort to avoid rail services becoming a local political issue, the deadline for bids has been extended until after the local government elections. So on May 10, six days after the polls close, those determined to acquire franchises will submit their final bids.

Funny bids, though. No cash will be offered to the Treasury. Rather, bidders will indicate the level of government subsidy they will require to provide the minimum level of service stipulated by the regulator. In principle, the bidder willing to provide a service for the lowest subsidy wins.

But Mr Salmon says quality issues will count heavily too. Bidders will be allowed a lot of flexibility to offer bids that are very different from the base requirements. Mr Salmon insists he is no stalking horse for a new round of Beeching-style line closures. Rather, he hopes, gradually, to engineer improvements in service standards and a revival of railway use. "What we have is an enormous fixed asset with very high fixed costs," he says. "If you start trimming the edges of the network, you reduce the revenue. The way to get value from it is to earn more revenue."

The benchmark franchise term is seven years. Offers for longer or shorter periods, with different rolling stock, and novel marketing strategies will be considered. But scope will be limited. Each franchise will be let with a package of contracts in place: for leasing and maintenance of rolling stock, supply of track services, use of stations, and so forth. Even so, Mr Salmon, will have to make some big value-judgments between the offers. Comparing apples and pears in this way will lead to long-drawn discussions with bidders. So the winners will probably be announced around Christmas, and take over running services early in the new year.

In spite of Sir Bob's doubts, Mr Salmon is adamant that the first franchises will be highly profitable. Well, of course. He holds all the levers, and he needs to ensure the first round is a success, so that he can let the remaining 17 franchises. How will he do so? First, by matching subsidy to track charges, so as to limit the downside risk of taking on a franchise.

As every commuter knows, Railtrack's well-publicised incompetence in staff relations pales in comparison to the daily litany of delays arising from points and signal failures. Underinvestment in Railtrack and poor management pose the biggest threat to the rail privatisation project.

Take a typical commuter franchise, such as Network SouthCentral. Farebox income of £158 million is supplemented by a £60 million subsidy. Fixed costs — largely track and rolling stock charges — amount to about £140 million. The franchise operator will control only about £80 million of staff and operating costs.

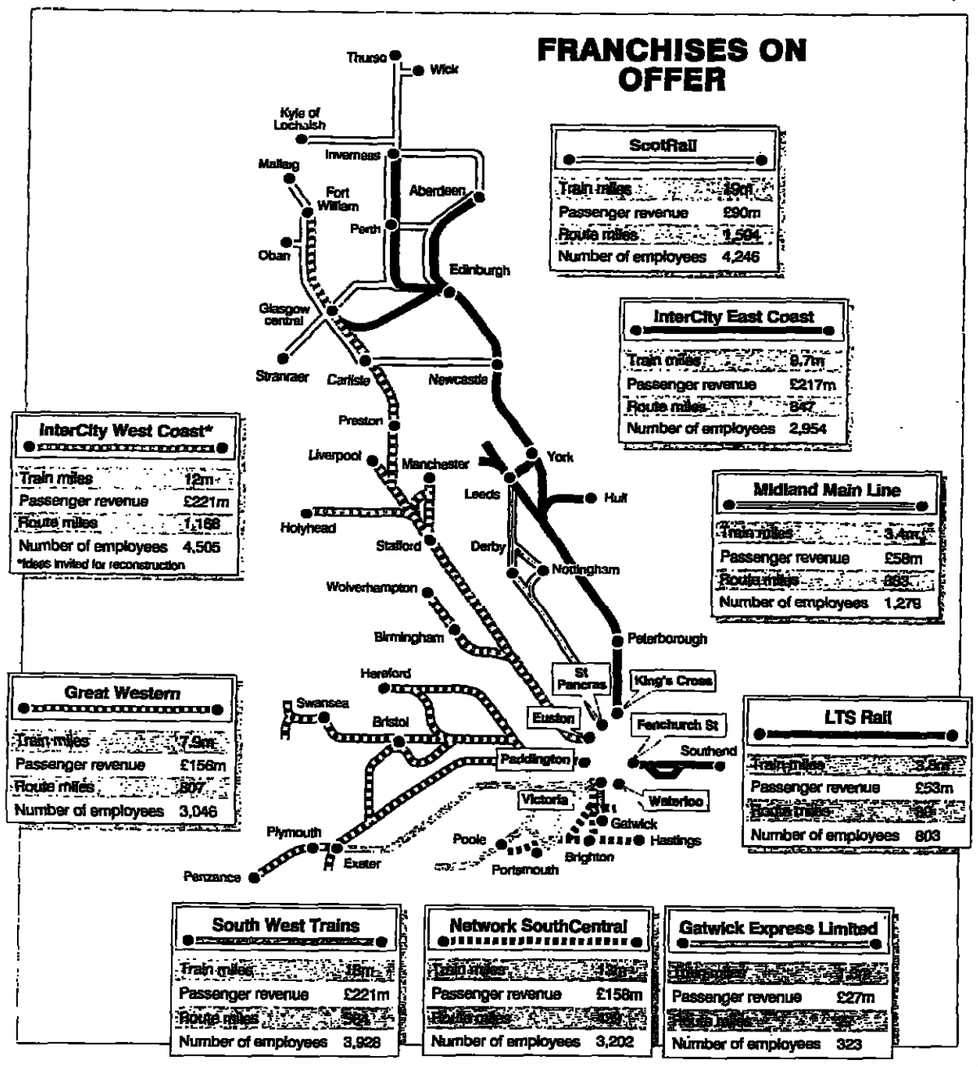
So to protect franchises from Railtrack's failings, Mr Salmon has devised a contract regime that, he says, will oblige Railtrack to pay compensation when trains are substantially delayed. The longer the delay, the bigger the penalty. But the incentive for train operators to improve their own efficiency and win more business will also be strong.

Under the franchise regime, Mr Salmon says that "people will be allowed to charge higher fares where they deliver higher quality". Because of the subsidy regime, any increase in farebox revenue has a disproportionately greater effect on the bottom line. So franchise holders will also have a strong motive to increase the number of passengers carried.

But operators that heed the financial signals to improve face structural resistance. "Change is not going to happen overnight," says Mr Salmon. "There are lots of delays built into the system," he says, through the timetable, fares and constraints of existing rolling stock. Well, perhaps. But experience with other complex privatisations suggests that managements conceal the scope for efficiency gains, and then trigger a fuss when they implement them. Rail privatisation is peculiarly political, especially in the South East, where many voters use British Rail to get to work.

Although the concept of privatisation is now widely accepted, attitudes to regulated industries in Britain are getting tougher. Labour's talk of a windfall utility tax can no longer be shrugged aside by investors.

Mr Salmon may succeed in containing the financial downside, but today's visitors to Samuel Montagu's edifice will need to keep a close eye on the political and regulatory risks outside.



THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Signs of the times

AS THE Saatchi board faced shareholders yesterday at the turbulent extraordinary general meeting, members of a business born out of frustrations at Saatchi in 1986 were celebrating the fact that their multi-million pound firm has been acquired by Towers Perrin, the management consultancy. Kinsley Lord, also a management consultancy, was set up by four members of the Hay Group after it was absorbed by Saatchi. Their expertise lay in advising other businesses how to manage mergers, but their own within the maw of Saatchi was not going that well. Nine years on their business is now part of the tenth largest management consultancy in the UK and has a combined fee income of £36 million. One of the reasons that the four decided to depart Saatchi was a request for them to sign away their rights to work for other companies should they ever leave the group. They declined to sign, unlike other staff currently being pursued through the courts by Saatchi.

Double woe

CHARLES SCOTT, acting chairman of Saatchi & Saat.. — sorry, Cordiant, after yesterday's meeting — demonstrated graphically to one shareholder why the name had to be changed to avoid confusion between the similarly-named holding company and various operating subsidiaries. On Monday, Jennifer Laing became chairman of the UK advertising agency. On Tuesday morning, he learnt on the radio that Jennifer Laing had been appointed to his job. His eight-month-old daughter then added to the consternation in the Scott household — she chose that very moment to throw up on his best suit.



ABN MBA

ABN Amro Bank may well have missed out on Barings, but the bank's purse remains open. Under a new financing programme between it and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, up to 100 students a year from Central and Eastern European countries will be able to undertake an MBA degree at top-tier business schools. The initial pool stands at $11 million, the commercial risk of which is being shared equally. Loans, which at current market rates would be at 11 per cent a year, are repayable over a 12-year period.

Name's Bond

HENDERSON Pension Fund Management has a new director — James Bond, 17 years with CU Morley, joins HPFM on March 20.

On the rebound

THE Los Angeles courts are now so congested that cheque bouncers are being sent back to the classroom. Minor offences are sent to the city's Bad Cheque Writers School, where they are instructed in arithmetic.

EBRD feels the heat over nuclear plant

The bank's biggest investment is proving controversial, says Colin Narbrough

Strong backing from the executive of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a controversial DM1.45 billion nuclear project in Slovakia has provided France's state-owned power utility with a springboard to complete an equally contentious Soviet power plant on Cuba.

Opponents of the Slovakian project, on which the EBRD and the European Commission are close to giving final approval, claim that Electricité de France (EdF), the world's biggest nuclear operator, is deliberately targeting the market for completion and upgrades of Soviet nuclear plants, regardless of the political repercussions, in the absence of demand in the West.

The Slovakian project at Mochovce will be the biggest investment so far by the EBRD, which will put in DM412.5 million. Euratom, the organisation of the European nuclear industry, is set to contribute DM366.3 million.

EdF, which is contributing DM250 million, will be the biggest Western industrial equity partner and main contractor with a DM1 billion construction order. It will also be joint operator at Mochovce, in southeast Slovakia, where Western technology will be used to complete four Soviet VVER-440/213 pressurised water reactors.

> Austria has threatened to quit the bank over Mochovce

Non-nuclear Austria, which borders Slovakia, has warned other member countries of the EBRD that it could quit the bank if Mochovce goes ahead with the bank as its main financial backer. Vienna has been pressing the EBRD board to delay a final decision. The bank has persistently sought to underline that Mochovce is conditional on a more dangerous Slovakia plant at Bohunice being shut down.

Denmark and Norway recently came out against the Slovakian project too, arguing that the EBRD should follow other international institutions and stay clear of nuclear projects.

EdF involvement in completing a Soviet-designed nuclear plant, similar to Mochovce, near Cienfuegos on the south coast of Cuba, is likely to provoke protests from Washington. The design of the plant, only 180 miles from Miami, is considered fundamentally unsafe by the US.

A spokeswoman for EdF told The Times that experts from the company visited the Cuban plant a month ago, after being contacted by Cuban officials, and explained what EdF was doing at Mochovce.

Jean-Pierre Desgeorges, vice-president of the French employers' federation, said in Havana earlier this month that EdF would produce an analysis on the completion of the plant, but the company spokeswoman denied that EdF was currently assessing the plant.

Cienfuegos involves two 440 megawatt reactors of the Soviet VVER440 model, upgraded versions of the type at Mochovce. Unlike the Slovakian plant, Cienfuegos has an extra safety containment, like Western plants.

EBRD financing is available for Mochovce on the grounds that it is a commercial project, unlike the Cuban plant. But Fidel Castro, the Cuban President, said in Paris on Tuesday that Cuba was looking into allowing foreign investors to hold majority stakes in joint ventures on the island.

Austria, still seeking to block Mochovce, this week protested to the EBRD management led by Jacques de Larosière, the bank's French president, that directors had still not received a full report on the public response. It also demanded clarification of the huge discrepancy between the number of measures proposed in an initial nuclear safety report made public in early December and the final version made available recently in summary version.

The Austrians, who voted in a referendum not to use the only nuclear power plant their country had built, are deeply concerned about Eastern Europe's continued reliance on nuclear power from plants based on Soviet technology.

Wolfgang Kromp, head of the Nuclear Safety Project at Vienna University, said that studies of non-nuclear alternatives, including power-saving measures, challenge the EBRD's argument that completion of Mochovce is the lowest cost solution for Slovakia.

He said studies conducted in a number of countries had also concluded that the EBRD figures badly underestimate the cost of completion to safety standards acceptable in the West.

Ukrainian officials this week said that Kiev may finally be ready to shut the Chernobyl plant, which caused the worst civil nuclear accident to date when its fourth reactor blew up in 1986.

BUSINESS LETTERS

Outside expertise

From Jo Cutmore

Sir, I read with interest Graham Searjeant's article (March 7) regarding the use of non-executive directors in smaller businesses.

As a result of sponsorship by major employers, we have available many high-quality executives in major companies whom their employers are keen to provide "broadening" experience externally. They are equally willing to release these people to serve as non-executive directors on subsidiary boards of non-competing companies and into the public sector. Such people provide the sort of strategic input and value-added that Graham refers to, at very little cost. As well as these people, we have available a pool of quality people starting portfolio careers.

I hope that many more companies will begin to take advantage of this form of resource.

Yours sincerely,
JO CUTMORE,
Prowess Ltd,
118 Eaton Square, SW1.

Banning buyouts must not be option

From Mr Stewart G. Birt

Sir, Mr Michael R. Bond's letter on buyouts from receivers (Business Letters, March 10) should not go unchallenged.

He seems to think that receiverships are always a strategy of management to enable them to leave their obligations behind, following which, by means of a management buyout they can start again without the encumbrances of the past. This is clearly not always the case.

I led a management buyout of the company for which I worked, from administrative receivership.

The buyout was highly competitive and succeeded against four other serious corporate bidders. The revitalised company was immediately successful.

No company can be successful without its people, and usually the staff have had little or no responsibility for a receivership in the first place. The banning of buyouts by employees and managers would effectively close the door to any attempt to right the wrongs done to them and regain the control of their lives which was taken from them by others.

Of course, a management buyout should succeed only if it is the best offer for the company or its assets.

I imagine Mr Bond has suffered at the hands of a strategic receivership to hold such strong views, but he clearly has not thought the solution through.

If so, I have some sympathy for him, but banning innocent parties from trying to sort out their lives must not be an option.

Yours faithfully,
STEWART BIRT,
Beechwood,
Woodhead,
Fyvie,
Turrif,
Aberdeenshire.

Voting at AGM on directors pay

From H. J. Belsey

Sir, Mr Cedric Brown, of British Gas, tells us that it is up to shareholders who disapprove of directors' emoluments to vote against them at the AGM of the company. I hold shares in several companies and for many years I have always cast my proxy vote against any share option scheme for directors. And what use has it been?

Yours faithfully,
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Paying for share flop

From R. D. Phillips

Sir, Re the sale of shares in the power generators and the outcry over the subsequent fall in the share price. It now seems clear that both the underwriters and the Government did know of the regulator's proposed announcement in advance and are guilty of insider dealing, so the only proper course of action is to offer reimbursement which at least covers the drop in price. There is, in fact, a precedent for so doing.

When the sale of BP shares was scuppered by Black Monday in October 1987, Margaret Thatcher's Government reimbursed the underwriters who were facing huge losses following the fall in the market value of the shares to below the issue price. Never mind that they were experts in the market and had been paid a handsome fee for underwriting the issue, the Government still saw fit to pay them.

Now the underwriters have benefited again, by going ahead with a questionable sale, but this time the new shareholders, rather than the taxpayer, are expected to bear the cost.

What is the difference between bailing out a couple of large City firms on one hand and many small shareholders on the other? Perhaps the former make greater contributions to the Conservative Party?

This is another example of falling standards and ethics within a Government that increasingly appears to feel that it can do what it likes and is answerable to nobody. Del Boy would have been proud to rip off punters in such a manner.

Yours faithfully,
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National Provident Institution
Notice of Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the 159th Annual General Meeting of members of National Provident Institution will be held at the City Conference Centre, 76 Mark Lane, London EC3, on Wednesday, 19 April 1995, at 12 noon, for the transaction of the following ordinary business:

* To receive and adopt the Accounts and Report of the Directors for the year ended 31 December 1994;
* To reappoint Directors;
* To reappoint Coopers & Lybrand as Auditors and to authorise the Directors to determine their remuneration.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD: S J O'Brien, Company Secretary
Principal Office: National Provident House, 55 Calverley Road, Tunbridge Wells, TN1 2UE.

NOTE: A member entitled to attend and vote at the general meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and, on a poll, to vote instead of him or her. A proxy need not be a member of NPI. Proxy forms are available on request from the Company Secretary at the Principal Office. Completed proxy forms must be deposited at the Principal Office not later than 12 noon on 17 April 1995.

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If you would like a copy of NPI's Report and Accounts 1994, write to John Fisher, NPI, GV02C, National Provident House, 55 Calverley Road, Tunbridge Wells, TN1 2UE.

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THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
AIB UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
01895 259 783				
Groland Amer	159.90	169.20	-1.40	0.24
Groland Equity	227.40	241.90	-0.03	2.18
Groland Euro	194.70	206.10	-0.03	0.81
Groland Expt Bal	105.20	109.00	...	2.83
Groland Gilt	73.38	75.62	+0.28	5.56
Groland Japan	150.10	158.80	-2.20	...
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS				
01203 553 231				
General Acc	514.30	547.30†	-0.40	3.13
General Inc	448.40	477.10†	-0.40	3.13
UK Growth Acc	346.30	368.50	+0.10	3.14
UK Growth Inc	237.00	252.20	+0.10	3.14
Higher Inc Acc	635.80	676.20	-0.60	4.38
Higher Inc Inc	367.40	390.90	-0.30	4.38
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	185.70	196.10†	-0.30	6.01
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	87.99	92.28†	-0.12	6.01
Nth America	265.40	282.40	-2.10	
Far East	323.20	343.90	-3.30	0.38
Europe	265.30	282.30†	+0.60	0.93
Brit Excell	68.84	73.24	+0.01	3.31
Brit Fndmtls Acc	97.85	104.10†	-0.10	5.11
Brit Fndmtls Inc	70.13	74.61†	-0.05	5.11
Global Opps	81.05	86.23	-0.42	0.34
Balanced Acc	52.09	55.42	-0.09	3.30
Balanced Inc	50.62	54.07	-0.08	3.30
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS				
0345 717 373				
High Income				
Gilts & Fixed Int	126.10	133.80†	+0.30	7.97
High Inc Equity	152.50	163.10	-0.10	4.83
Worldwide Bond	280.20	285.00†	+0.10	5.32
Capital Growth				
American Growth	275.30	294.80	-1.60	.81
Asian Pacific	287.80	306.20	-1.70	
Assets & Earnings	245.40	261.10	-0.70	3.07
Comdty & Energy	95.03	101.10†		.13
Euro Capital Inc	127.80	135.70	-0.90	.71
(Accum Units)	136.60	146.00	-0.90	.71
General	218.10	232.00†	+0.20	2.34
Japan	110.60	118.30	-1.90	
Mastertrust	131.90	141.10	-0.60	1.85
UK Growth Dist	109.00	116.60	+0.30	3.12
US Emerging Cos	129.10	137.00	-1.30	..
Income & Growth	364.30	387.50	-0.90	3.23
Ethical	63.64	67.70	-0.04	3.18
International	105.60	112.30	-0.60	1.03
Dividend & Growth	56.95	60.59	-0.02	4.54
Global Gwth & Inc	66.56	71.00	-0.13	2.55
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	£16.25	£16.58	-10.00	
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0800 833 580				
Amer Inc & Growth	43.38	45.03	-0.34	0.69
Cash	50.10	50.10†	..	5.84
Emerging Mkts	60.66	64.21	-0.45	0.06
European	106.70	111.50†	+0.20	.
Exempt	904.30	975.80	+2.10	1.91
Extra Income #	43.53	46.60†	-0.08	6.47
Far East Emg Eco	104.30	110.40	-0.60	0.57
Fixed Interest #	21.58	22.68†	-0.08	9.13
Fund Inv Tst	152.80	160.70	-0.50	1.05
Japan	167.60	175.90	-1.70	
Latin American	42.17	44.26	-0.63	1.10
Pacific	66.71	70.19	-0.38	0.38
Property Share	58.96	61.89	-0.14	2.21
UK Emerging Cos	59.12	62.06	-0.05	2.00
UK Growth	41.76	44.26	..	2.65
Aber World Port #	68.38	69.44	-0.12	2.36
Ethical	59.29	62.24	-0.17	2.83
Aberdeen Gilt Inc #	48.82	48.82†	-0.03	7.69
AEGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0131 549 3232				
British Growth	66.23	70.46†	+0.13	3.00
British Income	76.95	81.86†	+0.11	3.79
Select Portfolio	80.63	85.77†	+0.29	.
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD				
01452 305 958				
Amity Income	70.70	75.01†	+0.23	2.60
Income Builder Inc	64.59	68.71	+0.17	3.03
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC				
IFA dlg: 01793 610 366 Client dlg: 01793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	218.20	233.20	+1.50	3.34
Capital	381.60	407.90	+2.30	2.03
Balanced	641.90	686.10†	+5.90	2.90
Accumulator	£11.86	£12.67	+8.00	3.20
Income Trusts				
American Income	46.81	50.03†	+0.23	3.56
High Income	368.10	393.40†	+3.30	3.82
Equity Income	208.70	223.10	+1.80	3.73
High Yield	226.60	242.20	+2.30	3.59
Govt Securities	32.91	34.75†	+0.03	6.10
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	143.30	153.10†	+1.40	0.45
European Growth	33.18	35.38	+0.40	0.01
International	149.00	159.10†	+0.40	0.21
Japan	185.90	198.20†	-1.40	0.01
Pacific	349.50	373.60	-0.90	0.01
Secs of America	419.80	446.60†	+3.20	0.52
Wrlde Asset Val	44.94	48.04	+0.12	0.25
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	492.80	526.80†	+3.90	2.42
Cons & Gilt	40.78	43.57†	-0.36	5.32
Smaller Cos	155.30	166.00		1.34
2nd Smaller Cos	147.30	157.40†	+0.20	1.54
Recovery	128.40	137.20	+0.60	1.91
Met Min & Cdty	139.20	148.80	+1.80	0.80
Oseas Earnings	330.70	353.50†	+2.40	1.91
Technology	158.40	169.30	-0.20	0.01
UK Special Sits	425.70	455.00†	+3.50	1.90
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01293 526 911				
Cnrctd Out Pens	85.31	89.02	-0.47	3.04
Foundtn Pesl Pens	59.32	61.63	-0.36	1.44
BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 600 0033				
Capital	67.76	72.09	-0.31	1.94
International	60.46	64.32	..	
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD				
0131 222 4242				
America	259.70	281.00	-2.30	
Bond	110.70	116.50	+0.10	7.15
Brit Smlr Cos	91.66	97.51	-0.03	1.91
Conv & Gen #	61.28	65.19†	..	6.04
Europe	210.00	224.00	+1.40	0.63
Euro Smlr Cos	95.72	101.90	+0.50	0.60
Income Gwth	317.70	338.00†	-1.20	4.69
Japan	281.40	298.80	-3.60	..
Latin American	53.97	57.41	-0.47	
Pacific	95.86	102.00	..	1.53
UK Smlr Cos	49.13	52.27	-0.08	1.45
Japan Fd	628.00	647.00†	-5.90	
Mngd Fd	164.30	174.80	-0.20	3.22
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD				
0171 489 8673				
Brit & Oseas	265.40	279.40	.	1.33
Capital Gwth	104.10	109.80	.	2.45
Wwide Opps	168.60	177.50	.	0.45
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD				
0181 534 5544				
Balanced Trusts				
Bal Inv Fd Inc	323.60	337.00	-1.0	3.29
European Bd Inc	87.59	90.72	+0.16	7.90
Exempt	69.56	74.29	-0.02	4.50
Financial	70.30	75.19	+0.18	2.98
500 0	409.40	437.90†	+0.10	2.75
General	256.70	275.10	-0.50	2.94
Property	243.20	264.30		6.57
Trustee	169.50	181.30		2.63
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.80	100.80		5.46
Extra Income	110.70	118.40	-0.20	4.39
Gilt & Fxd Int	55.75	57.61†	+0.10	8.95
Income	483.60	517.30	-0.40	4.42
Income Builder	57.61	61.39†	-0.06	5.32
Intl Income	58.22	61.93	-0.15	3.89
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	110.00	117.40†	-0.20	2.06
Leisure	114.00	121.90	-0.30	1.60
Recovery	387.60	414.50	+0.40	3.03
Smllr Cos Inc	41.04	44.01	-0.02	2.15
Special Sits	264.40	282.80	-0.30	1.76
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	123.30	130.90	-0.90	0.85
Aust Acc	226.80	241.30	-0.60	2.34
Aust Inc	139.50	148.40	-0.40	2.34
Euro Gwth Inc	141.80	150.50	+0.30	1.03
(Accum Units)	151.70	161.00	+0.30	1.03
Japan & Gen Inc	159.90	169.30†	-1.90	
(Accum Units)	161.70	171.30	-2.0	
Japan Spec Sits	73.40	77.75	-1.05	
Univ Tech Inc	75.06	79.76	-0.28	0.08
Worldwide	156.70	166.40	-0.70	1.01
BARING FUND MANGERS LTD				
0171 214 1004				
American Growth	89.67	95.08	-0.30	
Amer Smlr Cos	125.10	133.80	-1.40	
Convertibles	52.22	55.59†	-0.41	5.70
Eastern	244.80	264.60	-0.80	0.30
Equity Income	81.74	88.22	-0.07	4.90
European Growth	283.20	300.40	-0.80	0.80
Europe	212.50	226.40	-0.90	0.20
German Growth	72.80	77.19	+0.06	0.50
Global Bond	61.73	65.02	+0.14	6.20
Global Growth	116.90	124.70	-0.90	
Japan Growth	178.60	190.30	-2.50	.
Japan Services	149.90	159.30	-1.50	
Korea Trust	79.66	83.52	+0.01	
Portfolio	120.90	129.50†		1.80
(Accum Units)	223.30	238.20	-0.10	1.80
UK Growth	77.56	83.26	-0.03	2.20
UK Smaller Cos	75.35	82.22	-0.04	1.80
Select Managers	70.04	74.96	-0.13	1.00
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	68.42	72.79†		
Special Oppor Inc	50.12	53.32†		
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD				
0141 223 6020				
Balanced Growth	99.15	104.92	-0.19	1.97
(Accum Units)	111.45	117.94	-0.21	1.97
Smaller Cos	97.07	102.72	-3.34	1.28
Higher Yield #	41.92	44.36	-0.01	4.76
American Gth Inc	70.51	74.62†	-0.06	
European Growth	125.02	132.30†	+1.25	
(Accum Units)	127.49	134.91	+1.28	
Global Bond Inc #	26.26	27.21	+0.04	8.29
Mngd Ptflo Inc	39.11	41.38†	+0.14	1.54
(Accum Units)	39.56	41.86	+0.14	1.54
Intl Spec Opps	105.53	111.68	-0.21	
Pacific Grt	112.72	119.28	-1.09	
Formerly LAS				
UK General #	71.00	75.15	+0.02	3.73
(Accum Units) #	72.70	76.93	+0.04	3.73
Japan	55.02	58.23†	-1.13	
Gilt & Fixed Int #	93.45	95.36†	+0.20	7.99
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 480 7216				
Short Dated Gilt	62.30	63.12†	+0.13	6.48
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0161 837 5060				
Enviro	146.50	155.90	..	1.92
UK Growth	156.63	166.60†	-0.30	2.59
UK Income	125.60	133.70		4.69
CANADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01707 651 122				
Can Gen Dist	175.10	186.80	+0.40	2.13
-do- Income Dist	102.60	108.80	+0.10	4.60
(Accum Units)	309.70	328.30	+0.10	4.60
Gilt & Fxd Int	36.85	41.18†	-0.02	6.60
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD				
0161 236 5685 Enq 0161 236 5685 Dlg 0161 236 5362				
American & Gen	148.30	157.80†	-1.00	
European Inc	74.24	78.61	+0.49	0.50
Smaller Cos (4-1)	74.48	79.24†	-0.09	2.24
Growth	389.50	414.40†	-2.40	2.73
Income & Growth	377.90	402.10	+1.10	4.26
(Accum Units)	539.20	573.70	-1.50	4.26
Japan & Gen	65.70	69.72†	-0.96	
Master Portfolio	£95.12	£98.69	+1.00	2.25
(Accum Units)	£113.47	£117.73		2.25
Special Sits	89.93	95.68	-0.61	2.65
High Yield	£12.32	£12.71	+3.00	4.71
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0171 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	78.77	84.00	+0.23	2.63
American Portfolio	89.79	95.62	-0.38	1.22
European Portfolio	91.72	97.70	-0.16	0.82
Japanese Portfolio	60.09	63.87†	-0.53	
Pacific Portfolio	128.03	135.52	-0.89	0.96
UK Inc & Growth	73.61	78.62	-0.28	3.49
Utility & Bond	61.90	52.53	-0.08	7.35

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG				
0171 588 1815				
Inv Fund	836.50	838.60	...	4.87
Fxd In Sec	145.85	146.00	..	8.93
CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0171 332 5000				
UK General Tst	59.50	63.29		3.14
COIF-CHARITIES OFFICIAL INV FD				
0171 588 1815				
Inc	625.05	625.22		4.97
Accum	£26.90	£26.98		
Fixed Int Inc	119.00	119.16		9.73
Fixed Int Acc	187.15	187.60		
CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD				
0171 837 7667				
Intl Growth	104.95	113.77		..
UK Income	100.63	109.72		5.46
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	76.16	80.68		1.50
Beck Bio-Tech	25.87	28.60	+0.16	
Acorn Ethical Tst	138.80	146.11		0.74
City Fin Assets	63.66	67.72		1.33
City Fin America	84.33	88.77		
City Fin Intl	70.57	74.39		0.98
City Fin Japan	149.02	156.86	..	
Fraic Hse Cap	253.47	274.20	..	1.79
Fracs Hse Inc	181.82	197.50		4.27
Beckley Wrld Grn	114.65	121.97†		6.10
Formal Cap Gth	127.67	135.82	+2.20	...
Fairmount Intl	139.19	148.07	+2.79	
City Fin Ptflo Inc	51.98	55.30	+0.72	4.45
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	49.80	52.84	-0.45	
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0800 373 393				
American Gwth	56.55	60.48	-0.24	..
Atlas Mngd Gwth	34.02	36.38	-0.25	0.65
Dragon Growth	60.53	64.74	-0.52	0.81
Equity High Inc	76.78	81.86†	+0.03	4.41
(Accum Units)	104.01	110.65	+0.04	4.41
European Gwth	48.29	51.37	-0.04	1.12
Evergreen	26.63	28.48	-0.06	
General Equity	78.72	83.52	+0.05	3.01
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	24.09	25.32		8.29
Japan Growth	47.07	50.34	-0.90	
Pedigree Gwth	47.42	50.45		2.94
Pml Sm Cos Inc	28.16	29.96	-0.01	1.48
(Accum Units)	29.25	31.13	-0.01	1.48
Retirement Inc #	23.98	25.49	-0.01	6.28
Special Sits	35.10	37.34	-0.03	2.25
UK & Overseas	44.93	47.37	-0.18	1.50
COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD				
01634 888 000				
Capital	64.23	68.09†	+0.08	2.34
Income	58.13	61.62†	+0.09	4.38
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD				
0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	148.42	157.89	+0.15	6.05
Fixed & Convertible	38.62	40.45	-0.15	7.80
Monthly Inc Plus	46.86	49.02	-0.04	9.14
Preference Share	44.86	47.72	+0.08	7.74
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	116.33	123.75	+2.90	7.53
Managed Fund	64.08	68.18	-0.18	3.09
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	35.72	38.00	-0.04	1.79
(Accum Units)	40.87	43.48	-0.04	1.79
UK & General	73.92	78.64	-0.05	2.82
(Accum Units)	92.52	98.43	-0.07	2.82
UK Growth	133.98	142.53	-0.04	3.39
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	177.75	189.10	-0.21	0.28
Far Eastern Gth	116.56	124.00	-1.24	
Global Bond	78.08	82.98	-0.15	6.10
Japan Growth	109.99	117.01	-1.38	
North Amer Gth	164.04	174.51	-1.51	..
Orental Growth	68.20	72.55	-0.44	
Worldwide Growth	61.22	65.13	-0.50	0.08
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	93.22	93.22	+0.01	6.03
Homemaker Fund	73.61	78.31†	-0.05	1.93
Oulter Fund	119.42	127.04†	+0.30	2.55
CONFEDERATION FUNDS MGMT LTD				
01438 744 840				
Growth Inc	54.47	57.94	+0.06	3.40
(Accum Units)	58.98	62.74	+0.08	3.40
High Income	32.10	34.14		5.00
Japan	33.25	35.37	-0.47	
Smaller Cos Inc	28.27	30.07	-0.02	2.80
Smaller Cos	29.93	31.84	-0.03	2.80
North American	31.61	33.62	-0.24	0.70
European	35.37	37.63		0.88
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Consistent UT	28.61	30.73†	+0.36	3.61
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
0800 526 358				
Growth	132.70	141.20	+0.70	2.19
Income	63.03	67.06†	+0.04	5.33
European	58.03	61.71	-0.02	0.89
Recovery	140.70	149.70†	-2.50	2.40
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 293 9494				
Equity Dist	774.00	787.20		3.78
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD				
01277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	69.70	74.14	+0.10	1.33
Income #	224.10	238.40	+0.40	4.88
(Accum Units) #	551.90	587.10	+0.90	4.88
Smaller Cos	148.10	157.50	+0.10	0.62
(Accum Units)	181.00	192.50	+0.20	0.62
Inv Portfolio	74.06	78.78†	-0.27	1.52
High Inc Port #	64.55	68.67	+0.07	5.05
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				
0171 410 0177				
Euro Small Cos	£15.04	£15.41	+3.40	.
Japan Small Cos	£11.50	£11.73	-10.20	.
UK Small Cos	£16.50	£17.24	-3.0	..
US Small Cos	£15.56	£16.05	+24.80	.
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS				
0171 377 8819				
Disc Inc	188.80	198.70		3.26
DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0131 315 2500				
European Gwth	262.00	277.20	-0.15	1.01
New Asia	191.90	204.40	-2.10	0.17
Japan Growth	108.60	115.80	-1.10	.
Jap Smllr Co	434.00	461.50	-3.60	.
Nth Amer	258.70	274.30	-1.90	0.67
Shild Asia Pac Mt	108.00	115.20	-1.20	0.39
UK Inc & Gth	198.70	212.80	+0.10	3.13
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD				
01242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	131.40	139.80	-0.10	1.92
UK High Inc Inc	140.20	149.10	-0.20	4.83
(Accum Units)	179.40	190.90	-0.30	4.83
UK Prof & F I Inc	56.39	59.85	+0.19	5.24
Emerald Opps	79.96	85.08	+0.14	1.10
UK Smlr Cos #	47.08	50.09	+0.12	
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0345 088 528				
American	118.70	125.90	-1.10	1.38
Convertibles #	19.33	20.54†	-0.02	6.82
Equity Income #	116.20	123.50†	-0.10	4.29
Eurofund	43.47	46.10	+0.34	0.43
Financial	40.78	43.33	-0.02	1.73
Growth & Inc #	216.20	229.70	-0.10	3.35
High Dist #	143.30	152.30	-0.20	4.92
International	353.10	375.20	-1.70	0.13
Int Cap Inc	87.28	93.17	-0.33	2.95
Latin American	23.64	25.12	-0.35	
Pacific	71.01	75.45	-0.30	
Preference Share	20.64	21.93	-0.02	7.52
Tokyo	202.40	215.10	-3.50	
UK Smaller Cos	208.70	221.70	-0.20	1.24
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD				
0171 242 0242				
Ebcon Trust	194.16	207.24	-3.52	1.04
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	186.20	198.10	+2.30	1.05
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
01296 431 480				
European	76.55	80.58	-0.73	1.86
Ethical Tst	40.81	42.96	+0.02	1.42
Far Eastern	274.84	289.31	-0.26	2.17
High Income	122.65	129.10	-0.95	5.15
Intl Growth	109.31	115.06†	-0.16	1.40
North American	107.75	113.42	-0.66	1.35
Pelican	109.29	115.04	+0.67	2.52
Smaller Cos	61.89	65.15	-0.02	3.19
Special Sits	81.24	85.52	-0.13	2.97
Tst of Inv Tsts	167.63	176.45†	-0.22	1.82
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	185.36	194.13	+0.27	1.51
Smaller Cos Acc	326.10	339.63	-0.48	1.51
Recovery	46.90	49.85		1.45
Recovery Acc	47.40	49.38	-0.01	1.45
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD				
01392 412 144				
Balanced	106.14	115.04	-0.11	6.05
Capital Growth	74.75	80.16	-0.50	
Fd of Inv Tsts	40.75	43.47	-0.30	0.67
High Income #	39.78	42.63	-0.014	10.75
Warrant	46.98	51.07†	-0.13	
Zero Preference	36.63	38.87	-0.09	
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
01273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	72.22	76.83	+0.020	2.96
Family Income Tst	41.93	41.93	-0.17	6.80
Family Trust	78.88	82.91	-0.13	1.58
United Charities	244.91	260.50	+0.400	4.22
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD				
Callfree: Private Clients 0800 414 161				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.60		5.60
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	26.48	26.56†	-0.06	7.62
Intl Bond	28.29	29.38	-0.02	5.21
Income Funds				
High Income	22.76	23.35†	+0.02	5.30
Income Plus	101.50	108.00†	-0.10	4.28
Amer Eq Inc	45.52	48.18	-0.25	1.98
European Income	40.00	42.54†	+0.09	1.66
Far East Inc	60.85	64.48	-0.35	2.43
Global Convertible	21.39	22.52†	-0.20	3.66
UK Div Grth	22.64	24.08†	-0.06	1.99
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	54.73	58.38	+0.10	
American	234.30	246.20	-1.90	
Amer Spec Sits	113.00	120.63	-1.00	
Japan Smaller Cos	34.98	37.32†	-0.48	
Europe	159.80	170.01	-0.50	
European Opps	59.40	63.16	-0.10	
Global Ptfl	22.90	24.48	-0.07	0.94
UK Growth	84.61	89.98	+0.04	
Growth & Inc	131.10	139.40	-0.30	2.33
Intl PEP	34.64	36.84	-0.03	
Japan Spec Sits	84.60	90.04	-1.41	
Japan	176.40	187.90	-2.00	
Managed Intl	258.30	273.00†	-1.40	
Moneybuilder	49.41	52.54	-0.14	
Recovery	44.95	47.60†	-0.17	
South E Asia	139.10	148.40	-1.10	
Special Sits	478.20	509.50	-6.00	
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	108.56	108.56	-0.01	5.60
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 814 2700				
Balanced #	126.80	129.70†		1.98
Inc Ptflo #	80.01	81.66†	-0.44	3.50
Cap Ptflo	132.30	134.70	-0.10	1.33
General Opps	114.80	116.80		2.59
Growth Inc	28.27	28.97	+0.08	1.86
Private Portfolio	377.00	385.50†		1.36
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT				
Enq 0171 454 1434 Dlg 01277 261 010				
Hypo Foreign & Colonial				
European	106.90	113.00	-0.20	0.37
Emrg Asian	152.80	163.40	-1.30	
High Income	20.51	21.78†	-0.01	10.33
Oseas Income	86.35	92.30	-2.23	3.40
UK Growth	100.30	107.40	-0.20	2.00
UK Income	100.20	106.90	-0.20	3.95
US Smaller Cos	292.20	312.50	-1.90	0.15

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
High Inc Eqty	44.87	47.18	-0.05	3.45
-do- Inv Tst Inc	68.97	72.92†	-0.03	4.05
Intl Growth	62.80	68.14		...
Investment Trust	82.58	86.84†	-0.10	...
UK Smaller Cos	76.46	80.40	+0.06	1.02
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD				
0171 374 4100				
American Growth	54.65	58.36†	-0.44	
(Accum Units)	54.65	58.36†	-0.44	
Amer Smlr Cos	468.80	501.40	-1.80	
(Accum Units)	478.70	512.20	-1.90	
Capital Tst	280.00	297.80	-1.70	1.61
(Accum Units)	402.70	428.30	+0.00	1.61
Conv Smlr Cos	57.69	61.76	+0.10	0.50
(Accum Units)	60.68	64.97	+0.11	0.50
Convertible	118.00	125.50	-0.30	5.67
(Accum Units)	238.40	253.60	-0.30	5.67
Emerging Markets	60.38	64.48	-0.45	..
(Accum Units)	60.41	64.53	-0.45	..
European	113.10	120.00	+0.10	0.14
(Accum Units)	118.50	125.60	+0.10	0.14
Extra Income	308.70	328.30†	+0.40	4.09
(Accum Units)	463.70	493.10†	+0.60	4.09
Financial	115.50	124.60	-0.10	0.30
(Accum Units)	121.70	131.10	-0.20	0.30
Gilt Trust	61.52	63.44	-0.16	6.37
(Accum Units)	85.92	88.61	-0.21	6.37
Health Fund Inc	131.70	140.60	-0.70	
(Accum Units)	131.70	140.60	-0.70	
Income & Growth	177.20	188.50	+0.30	3.32
(Accum Units)	267.60	284.70	+0.60	3.32
Intl Growth	338.60	362.80	-2.90	...
(Accum Units)	376.00	402.90	-3.20	.
Japan & Gen	157.60	168.40†	-2.50	
(Accum Units)	159.20	170.10†	-2.50	
Monthly Inc	150.10	159.80†	+0.20	4.13
Managed Port Inc	97.19	102.30	-0.30	1.50
(Accum Units)	103.10	108.50	-0.30	1.50
Quarterly Income	49.53	52.88†	+0.05	4.81
(Accum Units)	53.17	56.56†	+0.06	4.81
Recovery	318.00	340.00†	-0.50	0.13
(Accum Units)	374.30	400.20†	-0.60	0.13
UK Growth	50.69	54.22	+0.06	2.79
(Accum Units)	52.43	56.08	+0.06	2.79
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealing 01705 881330 Enq 01705 881340				
FP Am Smlr Cos	108.70	116.20	-0.80	0.0
FP Asian Growth	230.90	247.60	-1.10	0.0
FP Equity Dist	358.30	381.10	..	2.90
-do- Accum	756.60	804.80	-0.10	2.90
FP Euro Gth Dist	138.60	147.40†	-0.20	0.65
-do- Accum	144.40	153.60†	-0.30	0.65
FP Fixed Int Dist	127.40	134.80†	-0.20	7.44
-do- Accum	236.60	250.80†	-0.30	7.44
FP Intl Bond	55.04	58.21	-0.11	6.62
FP Intl Gth Dist	86.28	91.78	-0.49	0.76
-do- Accum	93.33	98.09	-0.51	0.76
FP Nth Amer Dist	181.20	191.90	-1.50	1.12
-do- Accum	199.80	211.40	-1.70	1.12
FP Pac Basin Dist	285.20	303.30	-1.90	0.28
-do- Accum	291.00	308.50	-1.90	0.28
FP Income	50.58	53.65	+0.10	5.40
(Accum Units)	163.70	174.60	+0.40	5.40
FP Jap Smllr Cos	308.30	328.80	-5.10	0.0
FP Monthly Dist	67.25	71.77†	+0.05	6.18
FP Stlg Deposit	100.80	100.80		6.25
FP Tokyo	80.88	86.05	-0.92	0.0
FP UK Focus	34.21	36.78	+0.08	2.07
FP UK Growth	159.60	170.40	+0.20	2.99
(Accum Units)	309.40	330.00	+0.40	2.99
Stewardship Dist	308.80	328.50	+0.60	2.16
-do- Accum	377.80	401.70	+0.70	2.16
Stwdshp Inc Dist	66.06	70.27†	-0.03	3.92
-do- Accum	85.70	91.16†	-0.03	3.92
N Am Stshp Dist	92.55	98.45	-0.67	0.79
-do- Accum	98.33	104.60	-0.78	0.79
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Grth Acc	101.90	108.40	+1.08	1.03
Open Cap Gth Acc	102.40	108.90	+0.90	0.28
Cap Gth Inc Inc	98.33	104.60†	+0.90	2.47
Cap Gth Inc Acc	100.70	107.10	+0.90	2.47
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic	100.10	106.40†	+0.70	3.13
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac	102.80	109.30	+0.80	3.13
NM Unit Trusts				
American	44.33	47.15	-0.40	1.17
Australian	297.40	319.00	-1.00	0.0
European	193.80	206.10	+0.40	0.74
(Accum Units)	209.80	222.90	+0.40	0.74
Gold	44.94	48.06	-0.59	0.0
Intl	29.98	31.99†	-0.17	0.98
(Accum Units)	43.47	46.39	-0.24	0.98
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0345 581 108/7				
GANDA	221.40	234.20	-0.40	2.64
Cash	49.51	50.25†	+0.01	5.30
Growth Portfolio	71.78	76.08	-0.30	1.08
Income Portfolio	59.71	63.14†	-0.25	4.89
GEM DOLPHIN INV MGRS LTD				
0171 236 6441				
Special Sits	165.90	177.40	+0.50	1.59
Dividend	82.73	88.48†	-0.09	3.85
Intl Gth & Inc	208.60	221.00	-0.70	3.29
UK & Gen	40.55	43.37†	-0.41	2.56
Fund of Funds	58.81	62.90	+0.31	
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0171 710 4567 Dealing 0171 626 9431				
Amer Spec Sits	175.50	187.70	-1.20	
European	523.50	556.80†	-1.70	0.38
Far East & Gen	228.90	244.90	-2.30	
Germany	114.20	121.00	+0.60	.
Income Inc	141.50	151.40†	+0.70	4.84
(Accum Units)	152.70	163.40	+0.70	4.84
International	293.30	313.70†	-1.70	
Intl Income	77.85	82.35	+0.11	4.12
Japan & General	369.80	393.20	-1.10	
Korean Securities	62.91	67.29	+0.02	
Smllr Cos Div Inc	40.92	43.77	+0.04	5.48
UK Capital Inc	150.80	161.10†	+0.10	1.44
UK Capital Acc	263.40	281.80	+0.30	1.44
UK Spec Sits	73.82	78.96	+0.24	0.78
US & General	133.10	141.70	-0.50	
Wrlds Spec Sits	132.80	142.10	-1.20	
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
0171 782 2000 Dlgs only: 01277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	44.31	47.37†	-0.01	3.64
Cash Trust	136.95	136.95†	+0.02	5.04
Practical Inv Inc #	107.43	114.80†	-0.68	3.58
(Accum Units) #	246.59	262.66†	-0.13	3.58
UK Index	138.12	139.52†	+0.01	3.53
UK Smaller Cos	114.19	122.13	+0.05	1.11
Income Funds				
Preference Share	23.90	25.58	+0.01	9.39
High Income	30.86	33.01†	+0.03	5.39
UK Equity Income	124.21	132.84†	+0.14	3.63
Global Bond	27.85	28.86†	-0.42	5.44
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	40.11	42.80	+0.15	.
Global Inc & Gth	124.29	132.30	-0.80	2.51
Gold & Intl Res	99.26	106.18	+1.23	...
Global Utilities	117.89	126.31	-0.18	1.32
Overseas Funds				
American	138.87	148.16	-1.33	1.25
European	95.88	101.77†	+0.04	1.32
Euro Sel Opps	139.43	148.39†	+0.05	
Amer Emerging	95.67	102.32	-0.45	
Hong Kong	124.17	132.89†	-1.24	1.79
Japan	221.11	234.96	-3.50	..
Pacific Growth	194.43	207.95	-0.85	1.54
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	199.57	199.97	-0.20	2.24
Long Term Bal	219.82	219.82	+3.05	3.41
Med Term Bal	189.92	189.92	-0.16	3.85
UK Equity	229.79	229.79	+0.08	3.69
UK Emerging Cos	130.64	130.64	-0.14	2.40
American	229.04	229.04†	-2.18	1.64
Japan	109.03	109.03†	-2.54	
European	248.77	248.77†	+0.26	1.27
Index Linked Gilt	165.86	165.86	-0.10	3.01
Fixed Interest	154.74	154.74	-0.34	6.82
Amer Emergs	249.22	249.22†	-1.79	0.19
Pacific	210.63	210.63	-1.02	0.36
Emerging Mkts	109.61	109.61†	+0.58	0.87
Index Stat Japan	142.10	142.10	-2.06	0.32
-do- Pacific Rim	165.65	165.65	-0.98	1.39
-do- Cont Europe	144.60	144.60	+0.33	1.81
Index Stat USA	131.51	131.51	-1.23	2.38
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	94.30	100.32	-0.10	
Med Term Bal	90.29	96.06	+1.02	.
Long Term Bal	98.81	105.12	+1.45	
UK Equity	104.98	111.58	-0.04	
UK Emerging Cos	61.25	65.15	-0.06	
American	105.74	112.49	-1.07	
Japan	52.36	55.70	-1.30	
European	103.65	110.27	-0.11	
Fixed Interest	78.29	83.29	-0.17	
Index Linked Gilt	73.55	78.36	-0.04	
Deposit	80.50	85.64	-0.01	
Broker Unit Trusts				
Berkeley Intl Gth	103.52	115.40	-1.10	
Berkeley Income #	105.30	112.00	-0.70	4.02
Gth Inc	128.86	134.59†	-0.63	0.63
Brdt Gth Port Inc	57.53	60.82†	-0.36	0.60
-do- Inc Port Inc	53.66	56.63	-0.34	3.40
-do- Wwide Port	50.14	52.92	-0.37	0.10
Stow Unicorn	51.21	54.55	-0.50	3.24
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT				
GAM Sterling Management 0171 493 9990				
& Intl Inc	513.85	553.09	+7.24	1.86
(Accum Units)	578.19	615.09	+8.07	1.86
European Inc	135.14	143.77		1.12
Amalgam Inc	135.32	142.07		
N America Inc	319.19	329.56	-12.71	
Far East Inc	304.56	324.00		
(Accum Units)	315.43	335.56		
UK Dvid Inc	165.52	176.57		1.75
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD				
0171 378 7979 Dealing: 0171 407 7683				
UK Growth Inc	82.72	88.30	-0.24	4.93
UK Smlr Cos	45.36	48.32		1.02
British Growth	51.13	54.71	-0.26	2.61
American Gwth	164.85	176.26	-0.39	
Japan Gwth	67.36	72.64	-0.76	
Greater China	179.29	184.21	-0.14	
Pacific Strategy	142.98	152.52	-3.55	
European Gwth	92.43	97.98	-0.08	0.29
Intl Growth	138.26	147.26	-1.03	
US Emrg Co	13.43	14.15	-0.04	4.30
FT-SE Mid 250 Inc	63.47	73.59	-0.05	2.49
Strategic Income	35.61	37.03†	+0.03	8.00
[illegible]				
[illegible]	9.75	10.29	-0.06	4.40
GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 488 1212				
Small Cos	51.74	55.56†	-3.17	1.76
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD				
0171 538 9663				
Cash	119.40	119.40		4.02
European	[illegible]	491.63	-1.50	0.15
Gilt & Fixed	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	5.73
Growth Equity	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.40	2.09
Income Trust	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.20	3.16
International	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.90	0.17
Japan Trust	[illegible]	[illegible]	-1.90	
Nth American	254.50	273.30	-1.60	0.29
Pacific	[illegible]	[illegible]	-2.10	0.02
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	2.03
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD				
0171 522 2129				
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.41
Global High Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	6.95
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.01
Eqty & Bond Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	5.45
European Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Intl PEP Trust	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
High Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.15	4.25
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.20	4.28
Recovery	[illegible]	[illegible]	-2.60	1.96
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1.36
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	2.67
UK Emerg Cos	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.10	2.07
UK Smll Cos	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	2.68
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1.03
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.47	1.03
Intl Strat Tst	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.65
HALIFAX UT MGMT LTD				
Dealing: 0171 220 5050				
Growth	24.22	25.78	-0.04	1.92
Growth Acc	24.32	25.78	+0.04	1.82
Income	24.35	25.82	+0.05	4.20
Income Acc	24.35	25.82	+0.05	4.20
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 390				
[illegible]	189.60	[illegible]		2.57
Smaller Cos	[illegible]	[illegible]	-1.17	0.91
HENDERSON TOUCHE REMNANT				
Enquiries: 01277 263 250 Dealing: 01277 234 772				
UK Funds				
Special Sits	277.40	296.81†	-0.67	1.39
Best of British	60.74	64.56	-0.08	2.86
UK Smaller Cos	113.52	122.46	-0.18	1.96
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth	259.58	276.44	+0.04	3.82
(Accum Units)	637.79	743.11	+0.12	3.82

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
High Income #	294.15	314.44	+0.79	4.43
Extra Income #	259.18	275.62†	-0.92	6.25
Pref & Gilt	45.64	48.05	-0.05	6.96
International				
International	245.31	260.90	-1.67	0.82
Global Bond	51.71	54.90†	-0.02	6.17
Intl Port Tst	76.01	81.29	+0.67	0.32
Global Tech	153.64	164.09	-0.53	
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	160.51	171.64	-0.20	0.30
European	449.26	476.24	+0.46	0.51
European Income	77.57	82.16†	+0.19	2.89
Euro Smlr Cos	147.90	158.68	-0.92	0.15
Far Sp Sits	66.53	70.77	-0.13	0.38
(Accum Units)	71.27	75.81	-0.14	0.30
Japan Trust	191.42	203.79	-1.68	
Japan Special Sits	209.12	222.82	-1.73	
Pacific Smlr Cos	221.00	236.47	-0.97	
North American	229.66	244.27	-1.86	0.43
American Smaller	103.31	110.43	-0.74	
Henderson TR Pension Portfolio				
American Growth				
Eur Sp Sits	57.35	60.79	-0.10	...
General Growth	41.41	43.89	-0.05	
Income Growth	40.01	42.41		
Japan Growth				
Smaller Cos				
Special Opps	27.27	28.90	-0.04	...
Wwide Sp Sits	44.73	47.41	-0.29	...
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS				
0181 686 4355				
British	92.17	98.51	-0.18	2.22
Capital	161.10	168.60†	-0.50	1.69
Dollar	340.30	356.30	-4.00	.15
Enterprise Gilt	300.20	314.30†	-0.80	1.97
European	212.80	222.80	...	0.71
Far East	287.40	300.90	-0.70	.48
Financial	750.70	786.00	-9.60	1.86
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	25.00	26.00	-0.09	7.58
High Yield	97.24	101.80	+0.10	4.28
Income & Growth	134.50	140.80		3.59
International	238.30	249.50	-1.70	.05
Japanese General	188.80	197.60	-3.60	
Japan Tech	76.02	79.60	-1.11	
Nat Resources	65.91	69.01	-0.42	
Portfolio	68.01	71.21	-0.11	1.46
Smaller Cos	117.70	123.20	-0.10	1.60
Special Sits	140.70	147.30†	-0.30	1.56
UK Emerging Cos	86.93	91.02	-0.06	0.95
US Smaller Cos	84.41	88.38	-0.69	
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Advisers: 0800 181 890 Inv: 0800 289 505				
UK Funds				
Balanced #	95.20	101.60†	+0.20	6.28
Capital	552.70	589.90	-2.40	2.56
Income #	524.80	560.10	+0.80	5.38
Footsie Fund	50.66	51.33	+0.02	2.95
Trade Index	99.53	106.20†	-1.60	2.21
UK Index	129.30	137.90	-0.50	3.25
International Funds				
American Growth	465.30	496.60	-6.0	0.61
American Index	197.60	210.70†	-1.70	1.21
European Growth	105.50	112.20	-0.10	0.34
Eurotrack 100	150.90	180.50†	-0.40	0.88
Global Bond	20.38	21.51	-0.16	6.25
Japan Growth	258.40	275.30	-3.70	
Japan Index	75.03	80.72†	-1.24	0.04
Japan Smlr Cos	31.23	33.33†	-0.45	
Far Eastern Funds				
Asian	49.73	53.07	-0.35	0.24
Hong Kong Gwth	88.47	94.42†	-0.82	1.50
Spore & Mlysa Gth	67.14	71.65	-0.19	
Tiger Index	178.70	190.70	-0.10	1.52
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	28.27	29.34†	-0.01	1.11
General Funds				
Managed	67.64	70.21	-0.09	1.96
Rupert Chile Fnd	80.62	83.57	-0.12	2.58
UK Growth	56.33	58.47	-0.15	2.54
High Income Funds				
UK Extra Inc	78.98	81.98	+0.07	6.99
Gilt & Fixed Int	25.50	26.29†	-0.34	8.57
UK Inc & Gwth	38.22	39.67	+0.14	4.43
UK Income	319.60	331.70	+0.60	3.57
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	47.72	49.42†	-0.30	0.45
Amer Smlr Cos	113.20	117.50	-0.70	
(Accum Units)	114.40	118.70	-0.70	
Europe Gth	145.10	150.30	-0.10	
(Accum Units)	150.00	155.40	-0.10	.
Euro Smaller Cos	27.50	28.54	-0.02	
French Growth	71.88	74.61†	-0.21	0.28
Accum Units	77.11	80.04†	-0.22	0.28
H Kong & China	70.78	73.48	-0.64	1.92
Intl Growth	53.90	55.84	-0.30	0.68
(Accum Units)	54.35	56.41	-0.31	0.68
Japan Gth	30.20	31.34	-0.53	
Accum Units	30.20	31.34	-0.53	
Japan Smaller Cos	36.64	38.03	-0.38	
Glob Emg Mkts	82.68	85.62	-0.54	
Accum Units	83.27	86.43	-0.54	
SE Asia	291.60	302.60†	-1.80	0.36
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond	53.38	54.99†	-0.08	6.87

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JUPITER UT MGRS LTD				
0171 581 3020				
American Cap	128.20	136.30	-1.50	
Income	140.64	149.61	+0.32	4.08
UK Growth	51.28	54.55	-0.12	0.64
International	69.61	74.05	-0.28	0.08
Ecology	75.69	80.52	-0.11	1.34
European	120.08	127.49	-0.09	
Far Eastern	270.00	287.20	-1.40	
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealers: 0171 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Extra Income	46.88	49.87†	-0.10	7.72
Gilt Yield	112.00	118.30†	-0.30	8.77
Global Income	196.70	209.30†	-3.24	4.32
High Yield	130.00	138.30	-0.11	6.39
(Accum Units)	393.30	418.40	-0.31	6.39
Smlr Cos Div	47.62	50.87†	-0.10	3.29
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smlr Cos	85.84	91.32	-0.70	
North American	74.32	79.06	-0.92	0.16
European Special	102.60	109.10	-0.90	0.14
European	146.80	156.20	-0.30	0.38
(Accum Units)	192.80	205.10	-0.40	0.38
General	258.00	275.30	-0.30	3.29
Global Eqty Inc	95.69	101.80	-0.20	1.18
Japan	179.90	194.10	-2.10	
Japanese Special	124.90	129.60†	-1.80	
Macro Accum	220.30	230.50	-0.50	0.58
Pacific	301.90	320.20	-2.50	
(Accum Units)	352.00	375.50	-2.90	
Smaller Cos	100.50	107.00	-0.20	0.64
UK Eqty Growth	36.58	38.91†	-0.50	1.67
KNIGHT WILLIAMS PRTFOL MGRS				
0171 629 1683				
Global Inc & Gth	58.43	62.18	-0.73	
Inv Trust	61.01	64.90	-0.10	
Cadeaux Intl Gth	55.72	59.27	-0.11	1.50
High Inc Acc	53.05	56.43	0.11	4.00
L & C UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 588 2800				
Income	520.00	540.50†		6.17
Intl & General	383.00	370.90†		0.01
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT				
0171 407 5966				
Broker Income	248.30	264.21	0.47	5.68
Inc & Growth Inc	51.73	55.10	+0.01	4.92
Smaller Cos	53.13	56.53	+0.13	1.45
LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Enq: 01452 371 500 Dlg: 01452 371 623				
Growth Trust	231.30	246.00		7.01
High Income	190.50	196.70	-0.20	4.68
International	74.16	76.91	-0.55	0.64
Recovery Trust	59.73	63.54	-0.13	1.56
European Trust	77.20	82.27	-0.54	0.63
Japanese Trust	43.25	45.92	-0.64	
American Trust	62.62	67.90	-0.90	0.49
Managed	58.07	61.99†	-0.70	0.87
Cash	51.56	51.56		4.72
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 374 0916				
UK Cap	345.30	361.60†	-4.40	2.80
UK Inc Gth	373.70	375.60†	-2.90	3.56
UK Income	258.50	262.80†	-2.20	4.40
UK Smll Cos	222.10	227.90†	-0.40	2.12
Euro Gwth	115.00	121.80	-2.40	
N Amer Gwth	80.75	91.95	-0.17	0.21
Japan Growth	63.54	67.50	-0.47	
Money Mkt	123.00	123.03		[illegible]
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 395				
Equity Dist	[illegible]	471.50†	-0.50	2.21
(Accum Unit)	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.90	2.21
Equity Income	91.66	97.72	+0.13	4.30
UK Tactical Alloc	50.75	56.56†	+0.01	3.88
European	111.00	118.10†	+0.10	1.05
Far Eastern	196.80	211.10	-2.00	
Fixed Interest	49.66	53.04†	+0.02	6.45
Gilt	57.70	60.09	-0.27	6.66
Global Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.55	0.40
Intl Bond	51.07	54.24†	-0.09	5.48
Japanese	67.54	71.95	0.80	
North American	141.32	150.30†	-1.60	1.03
Pacific Growth	79.09	85.40	-0.81	0.79
UK Index	[illegible]	62.55	[illegible]	3.17
UK Recovery	95.36	99.97	-0.57	2.09
UK Smaller Cos	115.40	123.60		1.77
US Index	59.79	62.57	-0.57	1.62
European Index	71.60	75.59†	+0.17	1.73
Japan Index	39.20	41.49	-0.58	
Worldwide	78.15	83.14	-0.19	1.64
LINCOLN NATIONAL				
0181 922 9876 Dealing 0800 282 621				
Growth	47.59	50.90		2.25
Income	55.27	59.05	-0.39	3.14
Far East	43.66	45.04	-0.47	
North American	37.07	38.36	-0.01	
Global	85.35	91.33†	-0.48	0.25
European	72.25	76.90†	-0.09	0.70
Japan	105.10	110.10	-1.40	
Intl Currency Bd	55.65	62.19	-0.01	3.90
SE Asia	37.56	39.99	-0.34	
UK Cap Growth	67.48	70.56	-0.13	1.61
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Helpdesk: 01634 834 339 Dealing: 01634 834 313				
Balanced	[illegible]	345.70	-3.70	3.04
-do- Acc	[illegible]	786.20	-8.90	3.04

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Contl Euro Gth	61.78	65.04	-0.01	1.34
-do- Acc	66.01	69.49	-0.01	1.34
Extra Inc	242.50	258.00	-3.60	4.49
-do- Acc	629.60	668.80	-9.30	4.49
FTSE 100 Inc	94.28	100.30	-0.30	2.86
FTSE 100 Acc	94.28	100.30	-0.30	2.86
German Gth	127.50	134.30	+0.30	0.19
-do- Acc	133.70	140.80	+0.20	0.19
Growth Port	509.10	541.60	-1.10	0.34
-do- Acc	517.80	550.70	-1.10	0.34
Hi Reserve Inc #	96.63	102.80		6.60
Hi Reserve Acc #	96.63	102.80		6.60
Income	462.40	492.00	-0.70	3.98
-do- Acc	£12.41	£13.21	-2.00	3.98
Income Port	491.70	523.10	-0.40	4.09
-do- Acc	521.60	554.90	-0.40	4.09
Japan Growth	96.23	102.40	-1.70	..
-do- Acc	96.57	102.80	-1.60	..
Master Trust	54.54	58.03	-0.80	1.54
-do- Acc	60.88	64.77	-0.90	1.54
N American Gen	173.80	184.90	-1.30	0.64
-do- Acc	200.70	213.60	-1.40	0.64
NAm Sm Co Rec	135.60	144.30	-0.70	
-do- Acc	138.40	147.30	-0.70	
Pacific Basin	224.20	238.60†	-1.10	0.86
-do- Acc	238.20	253.50	-1.20	0.86
Small Cos Rec	337.80	359.60	+0.50	2.17
-do- Acc	451.70	475.50	+0.60	2.17
UK Growth	80.95	85.70	+1.04	2.74
-do- Acc	97.85	104.10	+1.10	2.74
Worldwide Gth	289.60	308.30	-2.20	0.65
-do- Acc	427.40	454.70	-3.20	0.65
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT				
01392 282 673				
American	63.59	68.22	-0.50	0.10
General	80.81	86.70	-0.12	3.60
Income	59.89	64.25†	-0.13	5.80
International	59.53	63.86	-0.49	0.50
Japan	53.81	57.73	-0.94	
Tst of Inv Trusts	82.22	86.75	-0.19	1.40
M & G SECURITIES				
Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390				
Amer & General	374.50	396.00†	-4.00	0.66
(Accum Units)	466.60	493.40	-5.00	0.66
Amer Recovery	434.10	459.10	-3.10	0.68
(Accum Units)	498.10	526.80	-3.60	0.68
Amer Smlr Cos	128.60	136.00	-0.50	
(Accum Units)	131.30	139.00	-0.50	
Australasian	143.30	151.50†	-1.30	2.30
(Accum Units)	175.30	185.40	-1.50	2.30
Capital	778.80	823.60†	-0.10	2.68
(Accum Units)	893.60	945.00	-0.20	2.68
Charifund	643.10	649.60	-1.60	6.07
(Accum Units)	£30.01	£30.32	-7.70	6.07
Commodity	357.40	377.90†	+1.20	0.50
(Accum Units)	524.70	554.80	+1.80	0.50
Compound Grth	883.60	934.40	-1.60	3.36
(Accum Units)	926.20	979.50	-1.60	3.36
Dividend	37.60	39.80	-0.10	1.64
(Accum Units)	157.80	167.10	-0.30	4.64
Equity Income	316.50	334.70†	-1.00	5.23
(Accum Units)	411.10	434.70	-1.40	5.23
Euro & General	475.10	502.40	+0.30	1.30
(Accum Units)	601.00	635.50	+0.40	1.30
Euro Dividend	66.80	70.60	-0.10	3.75
(Accum Units)	80.40	85.00	-0.10	3.75
Extra Yield	385.40	407.60†	-1.50	5.20
(Accum Units)	£12.17	£12.88	-4.70	5.20
Far Eastern	322.70	341.30†	-2.30	0.91
(Accum Units)	428.40	453.00	-3.10	0.91
Fund of Inv Tsts	579.10	612.40	-0.60	2.30
(Accum Units)	£10.81	£11.43	-1.30	2.30
General	57.00	60.30	-0.10	3.93
(Accum Units)	160.30	169.70	-0.30	3.93
Gilt Income	58.35	58.48†	+0.12	8.07
(Accum Units)	162.47	162.78	+0.35	8.07
Gold	60.80	64.30	-0.10	1.10
(Accum Units)	71.80	76.00		1.10
High Income	26.70	28.20	-0.10	4.95
(Accum Units)	107.00	113.30	-0.20	4.95
Intl Growth	70.60	74.70	-0.50	1.19
(Accum Units)	123.20	130.30	-1.00	1.19
International Inc	93.30	98.70	-0.60	4.99
(Accum Units)	138.50	146.60	-0.70	4.99
Japan & Gen	41.90	44.30	-0.70	
(Accum Units)	45.00	47.50	-0.80	
Japan Smlr Cos	145.60	154.00	-2.60	
(Accum Units)	146.60	155.00	-2.60	
Managed Income	25.90	27.20†		4.15
Midland	57.50	60.80		3.39
(Accum Units)	192.10	203.20	-0.10	3.39
Pension Ex	877.40	899.40	-1.90	4.67
Recovery	38.80	41.00	-0.10	2.88
(Accum Units)	63.70	67.40	+0.20	2.88
Second General	64.90	68.60		3.90
(Accum Units)	168.50	178.20	-0.10	3.90
Smaller Cos	64.30	68.00†		3.35
(Accum Units)	128.10	135.60	+0.10	3.35
Sterling Hi Inf	24.08	24.18	+0.05	8.72
Treasury	25.06	25.11†	+0.01	6.20
Trustee	38.70	40.90	-0.10	4.72
(Accum Units)	156.10	165.00	-0.40	4.72
MEM UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 01277 261 010 Enq: 01903 204 631				
European Growth	77.37	82.30		1.54
Intl Bond	83.02	86.27	+0.07	5.83
Intl Equity Growth	67.15	71.42	-0.35	0.84
N Amer Growth	93.18	99.12†	-0.28	1.05
Special Sits Growth	20.02	21.29†	+0.03	2.11
UK Growth	349.90	372.30	-0.30	3.02
(Accum Units)	456.40	485.50	-0.40	3.02
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD				
01620 825867				
Balanced Fd #	£12.39	£12.52		3.40
Income #	926.30	941.60		4.60
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	135.40	139.60		4.37
MANULIFE MANAGEMENT LTD				
Dealings: 01438 747 414				
Growth Units	187.20	200.20	-0.90	2.66
Gilt & Fxd Int	164.70	173.60	-0.06	6.79
Intl Growth	197.30	210.70	-1.50	0.37
North American	176.40	189.20	-1.30	0.66
Far East	248.60	265.90	-2.40	1.47
UK Smaller Cos	161.50	172.70	+0.70	1.92
European	77.59	82.57	-0.25	0.32
Japanese Growth	45.52	48.40	-0.42	
High Income	176.00	188.20	+0.40	4.56
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD				
01244 680 086				
M & S Inv Ptflo	143.70	151.30	0.40	2.41
-do- Accum	165.50	174.20	-0.40	2.41
UK Sel Ptflo	122.40	128.80		2.66
-do- Accum	142.70	149.70		2.66
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD				
01204 364 842				
Managed Tst	64.44	68.55	+1.27	4.04
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0131 479 4646				
Intl Income	67.11	71.24†	0.12	4.58
European	77.70	82.48†	-0.14	0.41
Income #	69.53	73.81†	0.15	5.70
Nth American	61.21	65.02	-0.58	0.57
Far East	154.10	163.60	-1.90	
Japan	50.46	53.57†	-0.72	
Emerging Mkts	83.89	89.17†	0.90	
Intl Growth	101.30	107.50	-0.80	0.73
UK Growth	84.12	90.30	-1.04	1.19
UK Smlr Co	43.33	46.00	+0.14	1.03
Asian Opps Fd	34.13	36.50	-0.36	0.37
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Income	389.75	414.63†		4.30
Capital Inc	65.01	69.16†	0.20	2.99
Brit Leaders	332.41	353.66†	-0.27	2.53
Intl Leaders	194.26	206.66†	-1.50	0.80
FWSI Ulg Rat Grw	58.01	61.20†	-0.41	0.88
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 0171 280 2860				
American	196.20	208.10	-1.30	
(Accum Units)	299.70	322.30	-1.60	
American Opps	87.34	93.15	0.34	
(Accum Units)	88.53	94.33	0.34	
British Blue Chip	74.06	78.76	0.12	3.05
(Accum Units)	91.32	97.10	-0.18	3.05
Cash	100.70	100.70		6.00
(Accum Units)	158.40	158.40		6.00
Emerging Mkts	88.09	95.37	-0.49	0.15
(Accum Units)	88.77	95.45	-0.41	0.15
European Growth	236.50	250.41	-0.60	0.18
(Accum Units)	255.00	269.99	-0.70	0.18
European Income	90.11	95.51	0.09	3.36
(Accum Units)	108.90	115.10	0.10	3.36
General	463.20	473.70†	0.40	2.51
(Accum Units)	919.80	979.70†	0.70	2.51
Global Bond	123.30	129.50†	-2.40	5.34
(Accum Units)	152.00	159.70†	+0.700	5.34
Gold & General	191.90	206.20	0.40	0.44
(Accum Units)	196.90	211.70	0.20	0.44
Govt Securities	89.19	91.96	+0.180	5.96
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	179.60	+0.100	5.96
Income	140.00	148.90†		4.76
(Accum Units)	220.80	234.80†	0.20	4.76
Inr Portfolio #	90.37	95.94†	-1.12	5.47
(Accum Units) #	92.45	98.15†	-0.01	5.47
Intl Units	226.60	238.10	-1.20	0.19
(Accum Units)	272.40	289.40	-1.70	0.19
Japan	157.40	166.80	-2.20	
(Accum Units)	161.60	171.20	-2.30	
New Europe	164.60	175.60†	0.50	1.15
(Accum Units)	169.90	181.20†	0.70	1.15
Pacific	105.60	112.40	-0.60	0.91
(Accum Units)	113.00	120.50	-0.70	0.91
Recovery	271.60	279.70	+0.600	0.90
(Accum Units)	346.70	369.80	-0.900	0.90
UK Smaller Cos	51.12	54.53†	-0.020	0.94
(Accum Units)	57.87	61.73†	-0.020	0.94
Portfolio	74.36	79.00†	-1.29	2.92
(Accum Units)	88.69	94.27†	-0.17	2.92
Managed Gwth	91.48	95.81	0.21	1.98
Managed Inc	97.91	101.60	-0.50	4.43
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD				
01707 662 233				
Eurogrowth Plus	110.22	117.36	0.02	0.95
Portfolio	62.34	66.37	-0.21	0.58
UK Income Inc	70.11	74.40†	-0.02	5.01
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 456 126				
Balanced	57.05	60.68	-0.37	3.30
(Accum Units)	60.97	63.84	-0.34	3.30
Entech Inc	79.42	83.16†	+0.02	2.24
(Accum Units)	93.21	97.60†	+0.02	2.24
Extra High Inc	64.49	67.53	0.07	6.63
(Accum Units)	133.80	[illegible]	0.10	6.63

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
FT-SE 100 Acc	51.71	54.14	-0.01	2.80
FT-SE 100 Dist	51.91	52.31	-0.01	2.80
Gilt & Fxd Int	52.76	54.92†	-0.06	7.02
(Accum Units)	154.99	161.00†	-0.20	7.02
High Yield	208.90	218.70		5.92
(Accum Units)	523.30	547.30		5.92
Income	266.40	279.00	+0.20	3.64
(Accum Units)	587.70	615.30	+0.20	3.64
Money Market UT	49.41	49.41	+0.01	5.46
(Accum Units)	77.84	77.84	+0.02	5.46
Monthly Income	80.34	83.81†	-0.37	5.43
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	96.44	102.60		1.91
European Growth	98.25	104.10	+1.0	0.02
Gilt & Fixed	84.29	84.50	-0.08	6.20
Income	79.89	84.99	-0.01	3.01
Japan Growth	49.32	52.29	-0.06	
Managed	66.37	70.61	-0.03	2.49
Money Market	87.12	92.35	-0.03	4.35
North American	84.72	89.80	-0.72	0.50
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	87.57	95.16	-0.01	1.90
European Growth	92.41	97.95	+1.0	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	80.59	85.38	-0.07	6.16
Income	78.43	83.50	-0.01	3.07
Japan Growth	49.22	52.18	-0.06	
Managed	63.50	67.55	-0.03	2.46
Money Market	83.55	88.38	-0.02	4.30
North American	77.26	81.99	-0.64	0.60
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	87.52	93.11	-0.01	1.89
European Growth	90.22	95.63	-0.98	
Gilt & Fixed Int	73.57	78.05	-0.07	6.32
Income	77.46	82.40	-0.01	3.10
Japan Growth	50.28	53.41	-0.06	
Managed	66.32	70.45	-0.04	2.46
Money Market	75.00	79.50	+0.02	4.38
North American	85.42	90.54	-0.73	0.46
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
International (US$)	12.06	12.83	+0.13	
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD				
Dealers: 0171 826 0826 Enquiries: 0171 826 0123				
American Gwth	331.50	352.00	-2.50	
European Gth Inc	401.66	437.00	-2.80	0.29
(Accum Units)	417.00	441.70	-2.90	0.29
Intl Gwth	184.00	196.10	-1.80	
UK Equity Inc	174.50	186.10	-0.20	3.22
UK Inc Trckr Inc	149.30	159.70†	-0.10	2.80
(Accum Units)	177.00	189.50†	-0.10	2.80
US Eq Inc Trk Inc	196.50	208.40†	-1.50	1.54
Japan Tracker	71.76	76.02	-1.18	
Asian Tracker	187.30	202.30	-1.00	0.31
Managed Inc	147.10	156.90	-0.10	1.48
Deposit Inc	99.85	99.85†	+0.01	4.49
Europa	171.30	184.40†	-0.20	0.28
Genesis	145.10	158.60	+0.30	2.30
High Income	21.38	22.69†	-0.01	10.00
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT				
0345 090 933				
Acumen	90.10	92.08	-0.16	2.69
Acumen Inc	85.27	87.15	-0.17	2.69
Acumen Reserve	82.70	83.53	+0.18	8.14
-do- Inc	71.01	71.72	+0.15	8.14
American Growth	144.20	148.80†	-1.60	
Cash Income	49.75	49.75†	-0.01	5.20
Equity Income #	88.79	91.35†	-0.01	5.15
European	69.16	70.78	-0.20	0.35
Smaller Cos	73.00	76.43	-0.14	1.41
Olympiad	60.09	61.47†	-0.23	0.64
Global Bond	43.32	42.70†	-0.01	6.71
UK Growth	87.74	90.15	-0.09	2.18
Pacific Growth	97.93	101.40	-0.50	
Japan Growth	88.15	89.69	-1.44	
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Avon Equity	114.45	121.76	+0.14	2.96
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
0181 237 5322				
UK Growth	68.80	73.19	+0.19	2.23
UK Income	102.00	108.51	+0.22	4.18
Higher Income	199.87	212.63	-0.16	5.11
Smaller Cos	73.73	78.44†	-0.09	2.37
International	91.23	97.05	-0.19	1.93
NPI INVESTMENT MGRS				
0171 623 4200				
America Dist	96.88	103.61	-0.94	0.68
European Dist	108.00	115.50	-0.50	
Far East Dist	166.00	177.50†	-1.40	
Global Care Dist	64.34	68.81	-0.20	1.07
Oseas Dist	960.20	£10.26†	-2.90	0.15
(Accum Units)	£12.46	£13.32	-3.90	0.15
UK Dist	323.80	346.30		3.68
(Accum Units)	635.10	679.20		3.68
UK Extra Inc Dist	71.86	76.86†	+0.17	4.16
Wwide Dist	99.74	106.67	-0.11	0.21
Wwide Inc Dist	66.94	71.59	-0.08	2.68
NATIONAL WESTMINSTER UT MGRS				
Dlg: 01277 690 380 Admin Enq: 01277 690 398				
Europe Inc	60.73	64.10†	+0.10	0.50
Fund of Funds Inc	54.86	57.90		0.90
North America Inc	48.02	50.68	-0.48	0.51
UK Equity Grth Inc	55.20	58.26	-0.08	2.15
(Accum Units)	57.30	60.47	-0.09	2.15
UK General Inc	54.14	57.14	-0.05	2.63
UK Gilt/Fix Int Inc	45.97	48.45	+0.04	7.25
UK Income Inc	53.53	56.50†	-0.04	4.12
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD				
Price enquiry freephone 0500 33 00 00				
Bond	114.94	121.84	-0.26	5.80
Bridge Fenc	80.25	85.38†		2.23
Continental	86.55	92.08†	-0.05	3.50
Foundation	85.79	91.75†	-1.24	3.91
General	171.15	182.08	-0.55	2.29
Global	300.36	319.54†	-2.02	0.79
Growth	116.56	124.01	-0.01	2.70
Higher Income Inc	25.19	26.94†	-0.54	4.61
Income	213.77	227.42	-0.42	3.67
Interest	109.62	114.19		1.80
Formerly Capital House				
American Gwth Tst	34.79	37.20	-0.31	0.28
Cash Income	50.73	50.73	-0.01	5.75
European Gwth	38.56	41.07	-0.21	0.21
Intl Gwth	27.86	29.79	-0.18	0.46
Japan Gwth	24.93	26.66	-0.45	
Managed Tst Inc	45.26	48.40	-0.05	2.40
Oriental Opps Inc	127.70	136.50	-0.50	0.26
Property Shares	31.77	33.97	-0.06	0.89
Smaller Cos	28.27	30.23		1.45
UK Growth Tst	24.29	25.97		2.89
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse Global Inc	67.11	71.77†	-0.16	1.91
Cap Hse UK Inc	63.34	67.74	+0.33	3.03
Exempt (E)	29.84	30.70		1.76
German	50.28	53.51	-0.15	
High Income	68.26	73.00†	+0.04	5.15
Mngd Ptflo Inc	101.70	108.70		1.07
Mngd Ptflo Acc	194.40	207.90		1.07
Monthly Income	72.59	77.65†	-0.25	4.56
NORTHERN ROCK UNIT TRUST LTD				
0191 285 3555				
Managed	91.05	96.61		2.31
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS				
01603 682 234				
Master Trust	114.96	121.01†	-0.25	2.15
UK Equity	129.14	136.94†	-0.09	3.36
UK Equity Income	123.67	130.18	-0.05	3.58
UK Smaller Cos	108.80	114.53	-0.01	1.79
UK Equity Growth	120.53	126.87†	-1.35	2.99
UK Index Trckg	132.45	139.42†	-1.71	3.78
Intl Index Trckg	138.03	145.29†	-1.17	1.21
International	221.86	233.54	-1.52	0.50
European	189.46	199.43†	+0.43	0.62
Pan European	124.78	131.35	-0.15	1.49
Nth American	168.53	177.40	-1.94	0.16
N Amer Smlr Cos	179.73	189.19	-1.96	
Japanese	86.43	90.98	-1.32	
Pacific	211.15	222.26	-1.67	0.35
South East Asian	230.18	242.29	-1.45	0.58
Intl Bond	132.05	139.00	+0.07	4.25
Gilt & Convertible	101.80	107.16	-0.17	8.40
Property	81.86	86.17	-0.01	5.38
OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD				
01256 768 888				
European Inc	243.60	262.00	+0.50	0.09
(Accum Units)	257.80	277.30	+0.50	0.09
Japan Inc	104.80	111.60	-1.70	
Nth American Inc	102.50	110.00	-0.80	0.47
Worldwide Inc	146.70	158.00	-0.90	0.94
Hong Kong Inc	126.60	135.90	-1.30	1.07
Swiss Equities Inc	67.05	71.87	+0.80	
Wwide Bond Inc	58.81	62.27†	-0.05	5.61
Emgng Asia Inc	195.80	212.20	-1.30	
(Accum Units)	196.50	213.10	-1.10	
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.26	50.26†	-0.01	6.14
Thailand Inc	143.20	153.90	-1.30	1.05
Gold Trust Inc	68.89	74.68	-0.24	0.78
New Zealand Inc	84.58	91.03	-0.38	1.55
Intl Mngd PPP Inc	58.91	63.34†	-0.16	1.27
Latin Am Emp Inc	46.40	50.45	-1.01	
UK All Sh Mkr Inc	54.35	58.37†	-0.01	2.38
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Trustees	73.34	78.44	+0.53	
Global Portfolio	65.42	69.97	+1.79	
Global Opps	63.00	67.38	-0.58	
Marsh Global Gth	59.07	62.64	0.32	
AAM Global Equity	51.75	54.95	+0.40	
CAM Brit Gwth Inc	84.42	90.90	+0.05	
Temple Equity Inc	40.90	44.74	+0.11	2.84
Hartley Growth	68.71	73.83	-0.12	0.34
Intl Growth Inc	82.39	88.07	-0.34	0.29
IPS Portfolio Inc	76.28	81.50	-0.55	
St Jams Mn Ice Inc	47.07	48.95	-0.05	
Premier Prtfs Inc	63.58	68.00	-0.57	1.97
Roxborgh Strat Gth	67.76	72.47	-0.49	0.35
Tech Analysis	92.72	99.28	+0.10	
Rosebury Growth	45.38	49.55	0.19	0.36
International Strat	72.90	77.97	-0.64	
UPC Ind-Act Gth	50.80	54.99	-0.49	
Coventdale Topout	46.20	49.67	-0.03	
Prem Equit. Inc	108.70	113.40		
Lowes Intl Growth	44.76	47.12	-0.38	1.07
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Dlg: 0800 626 577 Enq: 01733 470 470				
Equity	227.90	242.40	0.50	2.61
(Accum Units)	481.00	511.70	-1.10	2.61
Growth	146.50	156.00	0.30	2.87
Income	225.90	240.30	-0.20	3.99
Intl Equity	230.40	253.60	1.70	1.24
(Accum Units)	263.50	280.30	-1.90	1.24
UK Income	62.09	66.05	-0.07	3.58
UK Intl 25	75.57	80.37	-0.23	2.47
New Europe	74.83	79.60	-0.23	0.75
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT				
01491 417 000				
Intl Growth Inc	552.60	591.02	-2.47	0.70
(Accum Units)	553.17	591.63	-2.47	0.70
Income	[illegible]	36.84	-3.14	3.55
Wwide Recovery	163.56	178.14	-1.77	0.62
Amer Growth Inc	215.03	229.96†	-1.99	0.01
(Accum Units)	215.03	229.96	-1.99	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	223.65	239.20	-0.51	0.05
Far East Gth Inc	250.77	268.15	-0.41	0.35
(Accum Units)	250.77	268.15	-0.41	0.35
Euro Gwth Inc	130.78	148.43	-1.62	0.84
(Accum Units)	129.13	148.81	-1.64	0.84
UK Growth Inc	85.13	91.05†	-0.79	2.98
(Accum Units)	89.57	95.75	-0.83	2.98
High Income	91.56	97.93	-0.72	4.38
Jap Gwth Inc	202.71	216.06†	1.81	0.01
(Accum Units)	202.71	216.06	-1.81	0.01
PEP Growth	111.70	119.47	-0.36	1.15
Asian Sit Mkts Inc	113.66	121.57	-0.30	0.01
(Accum Units)	113.66	121.57	-0.30	0.01
Amer Smlr Co Inc	125.16	134.94	-0.41	0.01
(Accum Units)	126.16	134.94	-0.91	0.01
Global Bond	53.68	55.59†	-0.31	6.04
UK Smaller Cos Inc	76.09	81.38	-0.29	1.64
(Accum Units)	79.04	84.54	-0.20	1.64
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0191 201 3927				
American	94.13	100.14	+0.94	
European	67.41	71.71†	+0.53	
Global	57.98	61.68	-0.50	
Pacific	53.44	56.85	-0.59	
UK Inc & Gth	60.93	64.82†	-0.40	1.55
POINTON YORK UT MGRS				
0116 2550 540				
BRI Pointon Dlgs	86.42	92.04	-0.32	0.35
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD				
Enq. 0171 638 0808 Dlg 01277 690 430				
Fund of Funds	150.36	158.27	+1.03	0.11
Emerg Mkts	42.29	44.51		0.05
PREMIUM LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01444 458 721				
Monthly Income	57.24	60.62	-0.15	2.79
Growth Income	60.06	63.68		2.41
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01732 740 700				
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0171 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 262 443				
American Income	87.73	93.37	-0.62	3.70
Conv & Gilt	106.20	112.90†	-0.10	6.53
European Income	70.94	75.47	-0.03	2.57
Extra Income	141.00	150.00	-1.30	3.97
(Accum Units)	172.70	183.70	+0.20	3.97
Far East	258.40	279.20†	-2.10	0.08
(Accum Units)	363.20	386.30	-2.20	0.08
Global Income	23.93	25.46	-0.10	4.69
High Income	107.40	114.20	-1.60	3.69
(Accum Units)	127.40	135.60	-1.80	3.69
International	182.30	194.90	-1.10	0.67
(Accum Units)	188.80	200.90	-1.10	0.67
Pref & Fxd Int	42.96	45.70	-0.06	7.95
Recovery	67.13	71.42	+0.18	2.87
Special Sits	101.90	108.40	+0.10	1.13
(Accum Units)	110.30	117.30	+0.10	1.13
Technology	385.20	409.80	-1.50	
UK Blue Chip	64.94	69.09†		2.70
(Accum Units)	72.65	77.26	-0.02	2.70
PROVIDENT MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 588 3963				
Equity Gth	168.00	178.70†	+0.40	1.86
European Gth	94.55	100.10	+0.21	0.49
Income & Gth #	126.80	134.90†	-0.20	3.29
Japan Gth	110.70	117.70	-1.40	
Nth Amer Gth	120.70	128.40	..	0.19
Overseas Gth	86.47	91.99	-0.19	
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0181 478 3377 Client Enq: 0171 911 4490				
Managed Tst	35.43	36.71†	-0.09	1.78
Cash Haven Inc	101.20	101.69†	-0.01	5.00
Cash Haven Acc	111.76	112.31†	-0.01	5.00
Dist Trust Inc	92.86	96.22†	-0.12	6.17
Dist Trust Acc	96.02	99.50†	-0.12	6.17
Global Growth	84.85	90.26†	-0.28	1.24
Equity Inc	77.54	82.48†	+0.04	3.75
Equity	686.30	730.12	+0.10	2.40
European	206.23	213.70	+0.12	1.00
High Income	83.98	89.34†	-0.08	5.18
Intl Grth	174.33	185.45	-0.97	1.02
Intl Sm Co	72.94	77.59	-0.28	0.50
Japanese	204.89	208.17†	-2.70	
Nth Amer	164.90	170.88	-1.33	1.79
Pacific Mkts	95.76	99.33†	-0.52	0.56
Premier Inc	46.83	48.74	+0.20	6.78
Sm Cos	82.42	87.68	+0.10	1.50
Spec Sits	103.00	109.57	+0.19	2.29
UK Growth	116.11	123.52†	+1.27	2.35
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD				
01892 510 033				
British Life	285.10	302.40	+0.10	3.39
For Rock Asset see Northern Rock				
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT				
Dealers: 0171 280 5000				
FA America (Inc)	502.06	534.18	-3.01	0.43
FA America (Acc)	586.96	624.51	-3.52	0.43
FA UK Equity Inc	149.29	159.50	+0.16	3.80
FA Japan	242.05	257.42	-3.97	
FA Major UK Cos	90.33	96.41	-0.33	2.55
FA Smlr UK Cos	273.53	290.36†	-0.27	1.41
FA European	305.73	324.95	-0.38	0.71
FA Amer Smlr Cos	43.11	46.24	-0.31	0.14
FA Asia	44.46	47.72	-0.17	0.14
FA Jap Smlr Cos	42.80	45.60	-0.51	
RAM Personal Pension				
UK Major Cos	91.99	96.82	-0.33	
UK Smllr Cos	79.16	83.32	+0.07	
UK Income	90.76	95.53	-0.10	
America	100.87	106.17	-0.80	
Japanese	53.24	56.04	-0.86	.
European	98.23	103.39	-0.12	
Gilt	86.71	91.27	+0.29	
Deposit	83.83	88.24	+0.01	
Managed	93.68	98.60	-0.30	
RAM FSAVC Scheme				
UK Major Cos	89.56	94.27	-0.31	
UK Smaller Cos	77.31	81.37	-0.07	
UK Income	88.53	93.18	-0.08	
America	98.16	103.32	-0.58	
Japanese	51.81	54.53	-0.84	
European	95.68	100.71	+0.12	..
Gilt	85.74	90.24	-0.26	
Deposit	79.88	84.08	+0.01	
Managed	87.26	91.86	-0.28	
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD				
Prices: 01733 282 828 Gen Enq: 01733 390 000				
United States	78.31	83.63	-0.46	0.22
Pacific Basin	70.25	75.51	-0.63	
High Inc Dist	125.30	134.00†	-2.80	5.30
Ryl Life Intl Ctry	56.13	59.69†	-0.02	4.40
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	63.28	67.53	-0.47	0.029
Ryl Life Intl Spec	59.30	63.08	-0.19	
UK Emerging Cos	117.80	127.30	+0.40	1.21
UK Index Trckg	154.50	164.60	+2.80	3.48
European	124.00	132.20		0.29
Managed	138.80	149.30	-0.20	0.79
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01206 784 400				
American Growth	142.60	150.80		0.52
European Growth	107.40	113.50†	..	0.97
Far East Growth	120.90	128.70		0.51
Japan Growth	127.90	135.90	..	
Special Sits	179.20	190.60†		1.87
UK Growth	72.13	76.73		2.65
Triton General	224.70	239.10		0.81
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD				
0141 307 6500				
Far East Inc	148.70	157.40	-0.90	0.49
Gb Euro Prog Inc	321.10	339.80	+0.30	0.78
(Accum Units)	498.20	528.30	+0.60	0.78
Growth Inc	124.20	131.40	+0.30	0.82
(Accum Units)	126.50	133.90	+0.40	0.82
International Inc	319.30	337.90	+0.20	0.68
(Accum Units)	437.90	463.40	+0.30	0.68
Nth Am & Intl Inc	308.00	325.90	-1.40	1.16
UK Gen Prog Inc	213.90	226.40		1.48
UK High Inc Inc	124.60	131.80	+0.30	4.07
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD				
0171 330 0572				
American Gwth	62.13	67.16	-0.05	
Amer Smll Cos	74.95	79.72	+0.08	
Asian Gwth	100.72	107.15†	+0.32	0.75
European Gwth	64.76	68.89	-0.11	1.00
Global Bd	57.92	61.20†	...	5.00
Global Eq	56.95	60.58	-0.46	0.50
Japanese Eq	48.63	51.73	-0.09	
Japan Sm Cos	55.50	59.04†	-0.65	
UK Gen	49.31	52.45	-0.18	2.80
UK Gwth	56.19	59.78	-0.10	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
01708 766 966				
Amer Inc & Gwth #	67.75	72.07	-0.49	4.14
Amer Smllr Cos	110.10	117.10†	-1.10	
Asian Smaller Cos	39.96	42.51	+0.13	
Capital Portfolio	119.90	127.60	-0.10	2.02
Cash	125.50	125.50†		5.56
China Dragon	55.18	58.70	-0.18	0.83
Commodity	116.90	123.90†	+0.30	0.40
Eastern Discovery	89.98	94.66	-0.98	
Emerging Mkts	34.53	36.73	-0.27	0.43
Energy Inds	115.40	122.80†	-0.30	0.79
European Gwth	178.40	189.80	+0.40	
Euro Inc & Gwth #	74.59	79.35	+0.90	1.34
Euro Smlr Cos	52.56	55.91	+0.48	
Extra Income #	49.67	51.34†	+0.02	6.03
Financial Secs	196.80	209.40	-0.80	1.74
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc #	46.53	49.12†	+0.18	9.54
Gold & Exploration	71.13	75.67	-0.15	
High Return #	214.50	228.20	-0.80	4.46
High Yield #	215.90	229.70	-0.80	4.20
Income #	112.00	119.10†	-0.50	4.70
Intl Bond	160.20	169.20†	-0.30	5.79
ITU	192.60	204.90	-0.40	1.55
Japan Growth	158.20	168.30	-1.40	
Japan Smaller	161.20	171.50	-1.30	
Korea	61.27	65.18	-0.47	
Marketland	52.41	55.75	-0.37	1.30
Scotbits	298.10	317.10	-1.40	1.43
Scotshares #	276.30	293.90	-0.60	2.55
Scotyields #	224.50	238.80†	-0.70	4.09
Select Intl	129.00	137.20	-1.10	0.16
Smaller Cos Inc #	228.10	242.70	-0.50	4.15
SE Asia	48.97	52.10	-0.36	
Special Situation	119.20	126.80	-0.20	1.03
UK Equity #	233.10	248.00	-0.30	3.01
UK Growth	61.55	65.48	-0.18	1.52
UK 5 Oseas	154.50	164.90	0.50	1.31
UK Smllr Cos Gwth	41.85	44.68†	-0.02	2.97
US Growth	146.60	156.30†	-1.30	0.45
Univ Growth	129.80	138.10	-0.70	0.75
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Clnt: 0800 526 535 Brkr: 0800 526 540				
Retail Funds				
American	249.50	265.51	-1.41	0.92
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	-1.54	0.92
European Gwth	71.63	75.07	-0.27	0.31
Euro Smlr Cos	76.22	81.47	-2.47	0.37
Far Eastern Gth	88.65	94.55†		[illegible]
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]
Gilt & Fxd Int #	43.32	[illegible]	[illegible]	6.61
Global Bond #	49.16	50.79	[illegible]	7.10
(Accum Units) #	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.10
Global Emrg Mkt	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Income #	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.48	5.11
(Accum Units) #	[illegible]	[illegible]	-1.54	5.11
Japan Smlr Cos	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Japan Enterprise	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.73	
Pacific Gwth	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.93	0.39
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.92	0.39
Portfolio	76.34	81.42†	-0.08	2.12
(Accum Units)	85.92	88.44	-0.39	2.12
Scout	47.25	50.95	-0.42	
(Accum Units)	47.25	50.55	-0.45	
Smaller Cos	[illegible]	212.77	-0.17	1.51
Tokyo	115.00	123.50†	-1.36	
(Accum Units)	116.77	124.05	-1.25	
UK Enterprise	[illegible]	252.43	-0.65	2.36
(Accum Units)	290.41	308.70	-0.78	2.36
UK Equity	228.09	241.28	0.63	2.90
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	472.73	-0.04	2.90
US Smlr Cos	157.62	168.29	-0.38	
(Accum Units)	45.61	47.72	-0.22	0.66
Institutional Funds				
European	228.90	236.07	-0.32	1.29
(Accum Units)	252.86	260.75	-0.24	1.29
Euro Smlr Cos	28.46	29.21	-0.02	1.67
(Accum Units)	29.73	30.38	-0.03	1.67
Global Equity Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.57	0.95
Japan Smlr Cos	36.36	37.97	-0.31	0.27
(Accum Units)	36.54	39.76	-0.31	0.27
Mngd Balanced	170.64	[illegible]	-0.29	2.87
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	0.53	2.87
Overseas Equity	173.70	185.16	-1.12	1.25
(Accum Units)	183.91	197.44	-1.24	1.25
Oseas Smlr Cos	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.13	0.75
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.45	0.75
Pacific	[illegible]	[illegible]	-1.31	1.36
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	256.73	-1.47	1.36
Recovery	217.90	[illegible]	-1.42	3.11
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	219.05	-4.14	3.11
UK Index	146.24	152.37	-0.70	3.83
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	163.84	-0.35	3.83
UK Small Cos	102.49	[illegible]	-0.01	1.99
(Accum Units)	113.75	117.29	-3.01	1.99
US Smlr Cos	45.01	46.69	-0.38	0.66
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD				
0141 204 2200				
Equity Income	47.07	50.19	-0.17	4.05
Equity Trust	57.71	61.46	-0.24	3.39
[illegible]	67.47	71.86	-0.35	1.51
European Opps	92.22	97.63	-0.17	1.36
UK Smaller Cos	57.80	61.56	-0.01	1.55
Maximum Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Japanese	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Asia Pacific	110.39	117.55	-0.64	1.45
American	98.05	104.42	-1.00	0.66
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD				
0800 454 422				
Cash	31.05	31.05	-0.01	5.07
UK General Inc	39.27	42.55	-0.16	2.84
(Accum Units)	63.27	67.39	-0.20	2.84
Intl Income	[illegible]	268.50†	-2.51	1.01
(Accum Units)	433.30	461.60†	-3.56	1.01
European	76.61	81.13	[illegible]	[illegible]
Japan	65.19	69.13	0.90	0.06
American	65.96	69.59†	-0.49	1.92
Far East	79.08	84.85	-0.32	0.76
Ethical Inc	27.86	29.90†	-0.12	1.15
UK Blue Chip Inc	32.92	34.52†	-0.18	2.25

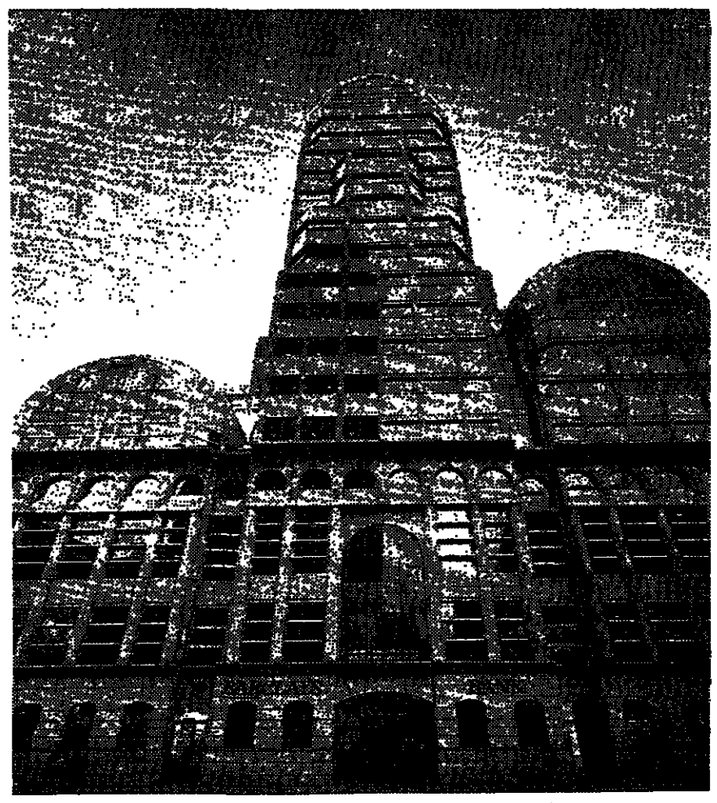
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UK Global Inc	37.61	40.07†	-0.19	1.57
Wwide Tact	65.83	70.29†	-0.44	1.25
Europa 2000 Tact	50.81	53.95	-0.39	1.51
Technology	106.11	112.89†	-0.56	1.51
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
0131 225 2211				
UK Equity	363.00	388.00	+0.19	3.02
American	257.00	273.00	-2.30	0.59
Pacific	360.00	385.00	-3.70	0.82
European	536.50	573.80	+1.30	1.40
Worldwide	83.81	89.64	-0.96	0.79
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD				
0141 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	254.20	270.50	+0.70	2.42
(Accum Units)	320.90	341.40	+0.70	2.42
UK Sir Co Eq Inc	185.40	197.30	+0.80	2.40
(Accum Units)	222.20	236.40	+0.80	2.40
Select Opptny Inc	62.86	67.24†	+0.02	2.19
Income Plus Inc	66.55	70.80†	+0.34	4.36
European Inc	329.70	350.80	+0.50	1.42
(Accum Units)	372.50	396.30	+0.50	1.42
Far Eastern Inc	161.40	171.80	-0.90	0.09
(Accum Units)	183.70	195.50	-0.99	0.09
Japanese Inc	57.32	60.98	-0.85	
Nth American Inc	233.40	248.30	-2.30	0.68
(Accum Units)	256.90	273.40	-2.30	0.68
Intl Growth Inc	189.30	201.40	-1.30	0.69
Wwide Venture Inc	75.63	80.46†	-0.31	1.88
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT				
0131 655 3724				
Equity Inc	343.90	366.80	+0.10	3.04
(Accum Units)	504.40	537.90	+0.10	3.04
UK High Inc	172.40	183.90	-0.30	4.10
(Accum Units)	248.90	265.50	-0.30	4.10
Europe Inc	347.70	370.80	+1.50	0.68
Nth Amer Inc	214.10	229.30	-2.60	
Global Inc	188.20	200.70	-1.00	0.39
UK Spec Sits Inc	91.72	97.82		3.50
South East Asia	204.10	217.60	-1.30	0.63
Cash Trust Inc	101.10	101.10		5.78
UK Smlr Cos Inc	94.21	100.50		2.35
(Accum Units)	96.34	102.80		2.35
Intl Bond Inc	91.45	97.10	-0.10	6.33
SEMPER EADEM FUND MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Secus Recovery	137.50	144.40†		4.52
SHARP (ALBERT E)				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
European	121.40	127.80		0.97
Nth American	102.10	107.50	-1.10	0.85
Intl Bond & Conv	120.10	126.40	-0.40	5.76
Pooled Pension (C)	175.60	188.80		2.27
Smaller Cos	69.25	72.89	-0.81	1.54
UK General	122.00	128.40	-0.20	2.86
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
0171 626 6226				
Amer Gth Fund‡	100.0		+0.41	
Amerz	67.08		+3.54	
European‡	120.10		+8.40	
Global Bond‡	93.86	..	+0.53	7.66
Samurai‡	57.98		-0.58	
UK Growth‡	94.31		+0.50	2.90
Far Parts	95.85		+0.76	
UK Emerg Leaders‡	98.17		+0.42	1.42
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS				
0171 637 5377				
American	308.30	326.20†	+1.90	
Canadian	63.11	68.78	+0.48	0.85
Capital	114.50	122.60	+0.40	1.68
Cash	101.91	101.91	+0.01	6.14
European	130.30	137.90	+1.60	0.87
Far Eastern	143.30	151.60	+2.30	
Growth	125.10	132.30	+0.40	1.27
Income	117.70	124.60†	+0.20	5.00
Magnum	123.20	132.00	+0.40	1.59
Smllr Secs	348.50	368.80	-0.10	1.28
Thoroughbred	142.90	153.20	-0.40	1.45
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01202 298 422				
Cash	50.27	50.77	+0.01	5.10
Credit Prfrnce	52.76	56.28†	-0.08	8.20
Ethical	52.66	56.02†	+0.08	2.80
European Growth	71.53	76.29	+0.04	3.88
Income	51.98	55.45	-0.08	6.30
Intl Growth	95.34	101.70	-0.40	3.00
Managed	79.67	84.98	-0.04	3.90
UK Growth	58.74	62.66†	+0.08	3.50
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS				
0800 393 777				
Standard Life Fund Mngrs Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	36.94	37.13†		1.99
Global Advtg Acc	39.61	39.81		1.99
Income Advtg Inc	29.92	30.07†		4.33
Income Advtg Acc	33.16	33.33		4.33
UK Equity Gth Acc	61.15	64.82	..	1.71
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd				
Managed Acc	48.11	51.12		1.84
UK Eq Hi Inc Inc	34.69	36.86		4.06
UK Eq Hi Inc Acc	42.97	45.66		4.06
UK Equity Gen Acc	58.90	62.59		2.58
UK Equity Gen Inc	43.57	46.30		2.58
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	30.26	32.00		6.47
Oseas Lrg Co Acc	297.40	322.70		1.71
Nth American Acc	44.47	47.25	..	0.88
Far East Acc	63.82	67.87		0.24
European Acc	50.31	53.46		1.01
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD				
0171 344 7000				
Global A (NZ$)	3.858	3.893	..	1.44
US Eqts (US$)	2.453	2.604	..	.67
Far East Eqts (yen)	212.20	225.40		
Japan Eqties (yen)	199.70	212.20		
FT Europe	122.30	129.70	..	1.52
FT N Amer (US$)	1.876	1.989		.90
FT Japan (yen)	197.40	209.70		
FT Asia Exjap (US$)	2.325	2.470		0.99
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0131 226 3271				
American	367.70	391.30	-2.30	
British #	938.30	982.60†	+1.40	3.99
Emgng Mkts	127.30	137.10	-1.30	
European	528.80	563.20	+3.30	0.60
Japan	135.90	144.40	-0.90	
New Pacific	354.60	377.60	-2.20	0.73
(Accum Units)	373.70	398.00	-2.30	0.73
Inv Trust Acc	240.70	255.10	-0.80	0.88
Mngd Equity	164.70	174.30	-0.30	1.60
Mngd Cash	96.14	96.14	+0.01	5.47
SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 389				
Equity	774.00	827.80	-0.10	3.28
North America	120.20	128.60	-1.90	0.85
Far East	133.30	142.60	-0.90	0.48
Wwide Bond	57.25	60.77	-0.08	5.06
European	99.67	106.80	...	0.18
Equity Income	84.52	90.40	-0.17	4.75
Portfolio	81.16	86.80	-0.21	2.03
UK Leading Cos	57.78	61.63		3.33
Broker Trusts				
Intnl Equity	62.32	66.65	+0.63	
SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD				
0800 525 725				
American Growth	33.03	35.33	-0.28	0.90
Managed Assets	120.90	129.31	-0.46	2.92
UK Income	38.76	41.46	-0.08	3.33
UK Growth	37.10	39.68	-0.15	2.78
Worldwide Growth	33.59	35.93	-0.29	0.93
SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD				
Admin & Enq: 0171 606 4044 Dlg: 0171 606 6919				
Discretionary	45.53	48.44	+0.50	
Cap Protector Inc	39.39	42.13	-0.03	2.91
UK Income Inc	47.98	51.32	-0.02	5.40
Mngd Extra Inc Inc	31.37	33.55	-0.08	3.86
Mngd High Yld Inc	75.21	80.44	-0.14	4.27
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc	70.91	75.84	-0.04	3.75
UK Smaller Cos	31.87	34.19	+0.06	2.05
Pacific Grth Pen	43.31	46.32†	-0.27	0.59
TSB UNIT TRUSTS				
01264 346 794				
American	205.87	217.64	-3.28	
(Accum Units)	226.53	239.72	-2.51	..
Euro Growth	92.48	97.86	+0.77	2.34
(Accum Units)	111.28	117.76	+0.83	2.34
European	100.35	106.19†	+0.12	0.78
(Accum Units)	106.71	112.92†	+0.12	0.78
Extra Income	180.23	190.72†	+0.09	4.66
(Accum Units)	310.40	328.47†	+0.15	4.66
Smaller Cos	66.22	70.08†	+0.02	1.81
(Accum Units)	74.68	79.02†	+0.01	1.81
General	266.38	281.88	+0.17	2.76
(Accum Units)	551.29	583.48	+0.36	2.76
Premier Income	47.76	49.75	+0.12	6.41
(Accum Units)	109.11	113.66	+0.27	6.41
Income	310.46	328.53	+0.25	4.18
(Accum Units)	680.77	720.34	+0.55	4.18
Pacific	381.64	403.85	-0.20	
(Accum Units)	401.01	424.35	-0.20	
International	507.85	537.41	-3.16	0.36
(Accum Units)	667.79	706.65	-4.17	0.36
Nat Resources	146.11	154.62	-0.45	
Sfield Opps.	100.40	106.24†	+1.17	1.93
(Accum Units)	128.54	136.02†	+1.51	1.93
Environmental Inc	59.27	62.72†	+0.01	2.02
Selector	58.69	62.10		2.39
(Accum Units)	66.19	70.05	-0.01	2.33
High Income	61.02	64.57	+0.08	5.00
(Accum Units)	77.82	82.35	+0.10	5.00
Intl Income	56.25	59.53†	-1.29	5.30
(Accum Units)	70.56	74.65†	-0.13	5.20
Services Income	58.34	61.74	+0.03	4.96
(Accum Units)	68.51	72.50	+0.02	4.96
TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED				
0181 667 1018				
[illegible]	308.20	324.40†	-8.40	2.93
TEMPLETON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 469 4000				
Glob Growth Inc	191.98	205.33	-1.02	2.05
Glob Balned Inc	164.29	175.71	-1.02	3.79
Value Tst Inc	116.76	124.98	-0.26	1.84
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0171 246 3000 Dealing 0171 246 3001				
Dresdner Eur Bd	40.12	42.14†	+0.09	7.80
European Growth	263.58	279.53†	-0.54	0.50
Exempt	562.55	526.51	-1.53	3.20
Global Em Mkts	73.67	78.58†	-0.75	0.40
Japan Tst	73.24	77.76	-1.25	
Little Dragons	81.88	87.33	-0.30	
Pan Amer Gwth	225.95	240.59	-2.49	0.80
Oriental Income	41.77	44.55†	-0.62	2.50
Preference	125.64	134.37	-0.03	8.70
Tiger	253.62	270.52	-1.33	
(Accum Units)	266.45	284.21	-1.48	
UK Blue Chip	59.27	63.15		2.10
UK Growth	481.31	514.77	+1.45	2.50
US High Yield	98.65	105.50	+0.02	4.80
(Accum Units)	320.10	342.35	+0.07	4.80
UK Mid-Cap	235.94	252.34	+1.14	2.50
UK Smlr Cos	94.20	100.74†	-0.07	1.20
UK Smlr Cos Inc	82.21	87.92	-0.11	5.50
UNITED FRIENDLY UT TST MGRS LTD				
01277 690 336				
UK Equity Income	94.40	100.43†	+0.03	3.28
UK Equity Growth	82.43	88.75†	+0.13	2.63
European	67.94	72.26		1.23
Nth American	68.28	72.82	-0.73	1.14
Far Eastern	66.68	70.94	-0.78	0.15
Money	67.38	67.38		4.67
Fixed Interest	71.29	75.84†	-9.05	8.61
Index Linked Gilt	64.99	69.14†	-0.05	1.57
WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0131 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	23.95	25.22	-0.01	
Pacific Basin	41.48	43.66	-0.41	
Global Bond (US$)	0.86	0.90	+0.00	
Penny Share	33.92	35.76	+0.64	
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 600 0462				
Cashbuilder	94.32	96.49	-0.03	
Short Dtd Gilt	111.70	113.10	-0.10	
US Govt Bd (US$)	0.74	0.75	+0.00	6.04
Gilt Income	48.94	50.92†	-0.54	7.75
Gilt Growth	70.09	72.94	-0.30	
City Reserve	52.22	52.23	+0.01	5.75
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0181 298 4000				
Intl Bond	48.03	50.87	+0.57	1.26
[illegible]	76.07	80.92	-0.65	2.51

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return). † Ex dividend. ‡ Middle price. ... No significant data. # Periodic Charge deducted from capital. @ Ex [illegible]

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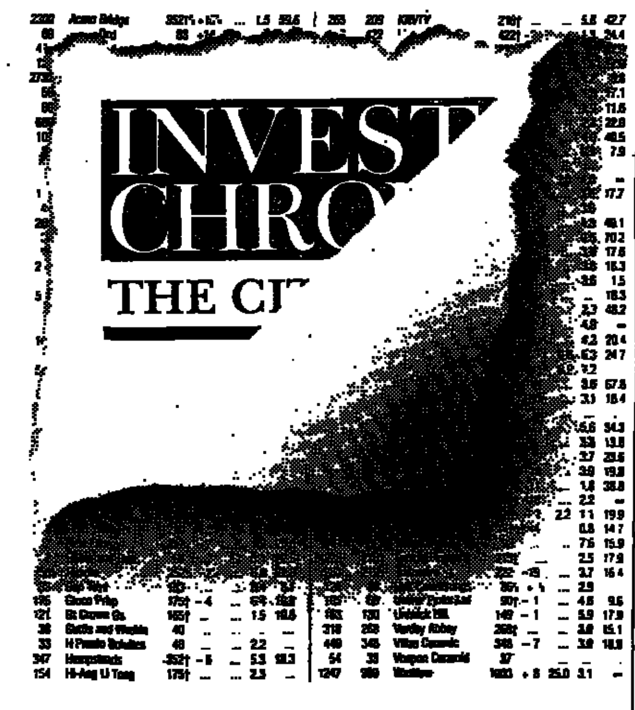
1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
523	380½	Abbey Natl	446	+ 8	5.0	8.6
314	233	Allied Irish	264	+ 3	5.4	10.1
278½	171	Aus New Z	233		5.0	8.3
3300	2462½	Bank America	2975	- 31¼		
247	172½	Bank Scotland	211	+ 3	3.1	11.9
640	487	Barclays†	603	+ 10	4.4	8.8
319	246	Bk of Ireland	303	+ 1	4.8	8.8
2912½	2262½	Citicorp	2675	+ 50		
286½	203	Close Brost	245		4.0	11.1
£150¼	£121¼	Commerzbk	£148⅝	+ 90⅝	6.1	
1296½	993¾	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1143¾	+ 6¼	0.5	
£344¼	£270¾	Deutsche Bk	£318¼	+ 193¾	2.4	
1315¾	625	Espirito Santo	699¾	+ 3¼	12.4	
90	57	First Nat Fin	72		2.6	46.0
1549¼	1152½	Fuji Bank Y	1336	+ 1	0.4	
473	195	Hambros	216	+ 5	8.7	13.3
1113	580	HSBC	696½	+ 27½	5.0	8.5
1133	578	HSBC HK	684	+ 20	5.1	8.4
443	383	Joseph (L)	383		5.8	11.1
693	424	Kleinwort Bent	500	+ 10	4.6	11.5
660	519	Lloyds†	582	+ 10	5.5	9.8
620¼	472	Nat Aust Bk	513		6.8	8.7
622	421	Nat West†	512½	+ 9½	5.3	8.3
3300	2100	Ottoman Bank	2375		6.1	5.7
79	53	Rea Bros	58		2.0	16.2
528	373½	Ryl Bk Scot	416	+ 7	4.1	11.9
1574	1050	Schroders	1488	+ 10	1.7	14.4
1458	1043	Schroders NV	1338	+ 5	1.9	12.1
114	75	Singer & Fried	82		5.5	
358¼	223	Stand Chart	288	+ 5	3.5	8.5
291	197	TSB†	246½	+ 8½	4.6	10.5
1012	569	Warburg SG	729	+ 19	3.8	13.4
£105	8612½	Wells Fargo	£100	- 75	2.9	
280	194	Westpac	232½	+ ¾	2.4	
390	200	Wintrust†	205	- 3	6.5	13.7

BREWERIES

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1025	144	Ascot Hldgs	144	- 2		
619	485	Bass	510	+ 10	5.2	12.6
289	239	Boddington†	243		4.5	12.5
196	168	Burtonwd Brw	170		3.8	14.2
181	142	Eldridge P 'A'	154		3.3	18.7
66	46½	Fosters Brewing	55		5.1	14.0
493	335	Fuller Sm 'A'	348		2.8	14.4
511	389	Greenalls Grp	403		4.1	13.3
584	452	Greene King	472		3.5	12.8
267	239	Hardy Hanson	257		4.6	12.5
170	135	Heavitree	155		3.6	
3773	3125	Holt J	3380		1.8	18.6
248	195	Mansfield	231		2.5	14.1
314	256	Marston Thmp	269		2.8	13.1
545	415	Morland	420	- 5	3.2	12.6
10¾	6½	Paramount†	8	- ¼	3.9	18.9
330	309	Regent Invst	330	+ 1	2.2	18.9
1787½	1000	SA Breweries	1781¼	- 8¼	1.6	28.2
591	477	Scot & New	494½	+ ½	4.4	14.2
306	212	Vaux Group	212	- 2	5.8	12.0
504	324½	Wetherspoon JD	498	- 6	1.8	27.3
617	494	Whitbread	534	+ 3	4.5	14.6
589	483	Wolvrhmptn D	492		3.5	12.8
308	148	Yates Bros	201		2.4	15.8
535	450	Young 'A'	463		4.0	19.6

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
205	130	Abbey	130		5.0	9.5
200	143	Alten	151	- 2	4.6	14.2
164	56	Amec	65		5.8	37.5
167	47	Andrews Sykes	185			
462	333	Ashtead†	419		1.7	17.9
191	92	Avonside	95	+ 3	5.8	11.2
41	26	Bailey (Ben) Con	35		2.5	21.4
88	18½	Barcom	37			
292	139	Barratt Devs	175	+ 1	4.3	13.6
169	122	Beazer Homes	135	+ 1	5.1	10.5
304	179	Bellway	197	+ 7	4.4	11.7
59	27	Bellwinch†	32	+ 2	0.8	17.2
573	315	Berkeley Gp	345		2.6	11.0
215	118	Bell Bros	174		3.2	5.3
355	210	Boot (Henry)	210		4.0	10.3
126	35	Brandon Hire	121	+ 1	1.9	20.5
235	122	Br Bldg & Eng	124		8.2	16.8
197½	105	Bryant†	124	+ 2	5.1	11.8
145¼	98	CALA	108	+ 2	3.5	12.2
54	29	Campbell & Arm	28			
62	44	Clarke T	52		10.3	
42	10	Costain	14			
185	85	Countryside†	94	+ 5	5.6	11.9
120	71	Crest Nicholson†	76	+ 2	3.3	
140	80	Cussins	88		5.5	
30	17	Edmund Hldgs	25		0.8	
473	223	Eve Group†	225	- 3	6.1	9.2
60	24	Galliford†	24		5.2	
112	85	Gibbs & Dandy	87		3.9	
1038	833	Gleeson (MJ)	863		2.1	14.8
86	71	Green (Ernst)	77	- 4	9.5	23.0
197	121	Havelock Euro	192		2.0	17.6
169	138	Hewden-Stuart	154		2.4	17.7
144	78	Higgs & Hill	83		4.7	
32	17	Howard Hldgs	17		5.9	13.0



BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1994/95 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
103⅝	97⅛	Cnv 3% 1990-95	99⅞		3.01	6.10
107⅞	101⅝	Exch 10¼% 1995	101⅛		10.12	6.48
113⅛	103⅛	Treas 12¾% 1995	103⅞		12.29	6.76
117⅛	105⅞	Treas 14% 1996	105⅝		13.24	6.87
121⅞	105⅞	Treas 15¼% 1996	108⅝		14.04	7.15
117⅞	106⅝	Exch 13¼% 1996	106½		12.44	7.29
112⅞	103⅞	Conv 10% 1996	103⅝		9.66	7.60
100⅝	96⅝	Treas 7% 1997	98⅝		7.13	7.82
121⅞	108⅞	Treas 13¼% 1997	109⅝		12.14	7.78
114⅞	104⅞	Exch 10½% 1997	104⅞		10.03	7.79
110⅞	100⅞	Treas 8¾% 1997	101⅝		8.61	7.97
131⅞	113⅝	Exch 15% 1997	115⅝		12.94	8.09
114⅞	102⅞	Exch 9¾% 1998	103⅝		9.39	8.18
106⅞	95⅛	Treas 7¼% 1998	97⅝		7.44	8.18
102	93⅝	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	96⅛		7.03	6.19
137⅞	114⅝	Treas 14% 1998-01	115⅝		12.12	8.35
147⅞	120⅝	Treas 15½% 1998	121⅝		12.73	8.24
125⅞	109⅝	Exch 12% 1998	111⅝		10.78	8.33
116⅞	100⅝	Treas 9½% 1999	103⅝		9.16	8.32
128⅞	111⅛	Exch 12¼% 1999	113⅝		10.85	8.38
121⅞	105⅞	Treas 10½% 1999	107⅝		9.79	8.38
101⅞	89⅞	Treas 6% 1999	91⅝		6.55	8.31
121⅞	104⅞	Conv 10¼% 1999	106⅝		9.60	8.44

LONGS (over 15 years)

1994/95 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
98⅞	77⅝	Treas 6¼% 2010	82⅛		7.60	8.28
126⅞	100⅝	Conv 9% 2011	105⅛		8.54	8.38
127⅞	100⅝	Treas 9% 2012	105⅝		8.52	8.36
93⅞	71⅝	Treas 5½% 2008-12	75⅝		7.31	8.13
117⅞	92	Treas 8% 2013	96⅝		8.25	8.31
114⅞	89⅝	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	94⅛		8.24	8.33
129⅞	99⅞	Treas 8¾% 2017	104⅝		8.37	8.39
159⅞	126⅝	Exch 12% 2013-17	132⅝		9.08	8.53

UNDATED

1994/95 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
54⅞	39⅞	War Ln 3½%	42⅛		8.33	
37⅞	27⅝	Treas 2½%	29⅝		8.50	

Source: Fenstat

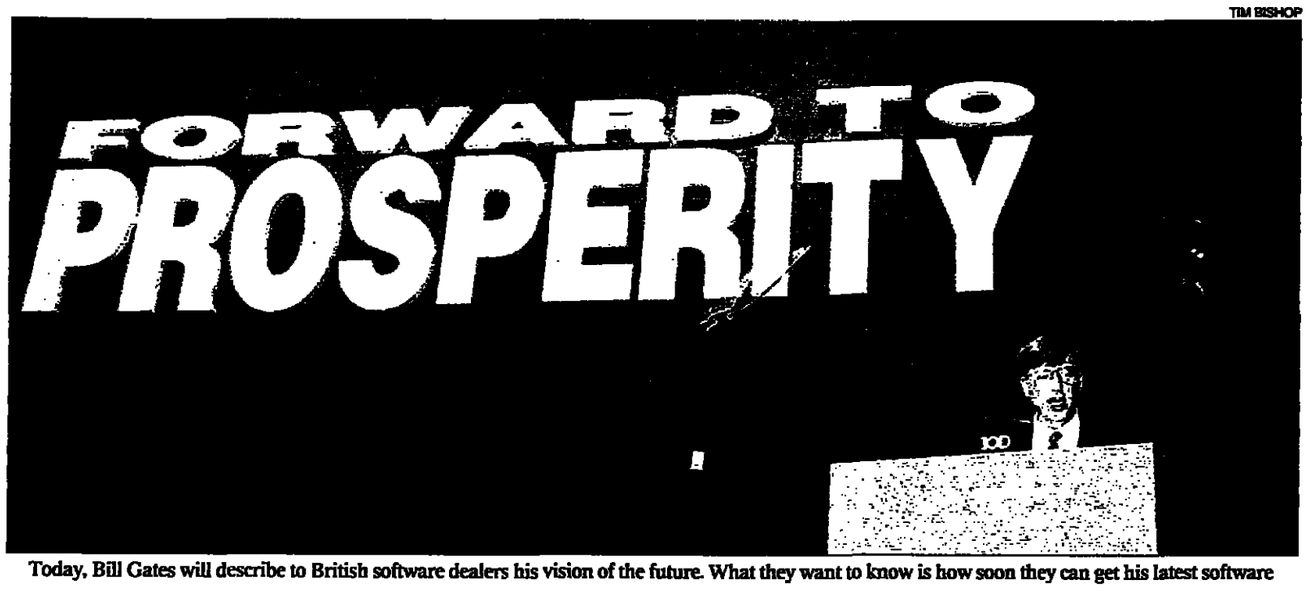
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INFOTECH

Can anyone stop Microsoft?

Bill Gates has kept everyone waiting for his Windows 95, says Matthew May

TIM BISHOP



Today, Bill Gates will describe to British software dealers his vision of the future. What they want to know is how soon they can get his latest software

A little after 1.30 this afternoon, more than 1,000 people are expected to be sitting in the Birmingham Metropole Hotel ready to hear Bill Gates, founder-chairman of Microsoft, the giant software company, deliver a speech.

It will not be a new one. Mr Gates has given the talk, "Information at your Fingertips in 2005", before. But the billionaire, who is 39, will have a captive audience. The listeners will be those who sell the company's software and they are being promised a slice of business that Microsoft estimates will be worth £1 billion in British sales revenues for the first year alone.

Mr Gates has much of the personal computer industry, and many of their customers, on hold waiting for his new operating system, Windows 95. After much delay, it should finally become available in August.

Not surprisingly, this is to the great annoyance of competitors, such as IBM and Apple, which claim, with some justification, that they have operating systems on sale today that can already do what Mr Gates is only promising for tomorrow. But existing Windows and DOS systems are used on more than three-quarters of the world's PCs.

That overwhelming domination of the market leads most observers to consider Microsoft unstoppable and that Windows 95 will sell just as well. What concerns competitors just as much is that Windows 95 will include easy access to an online network being planned by Microsoft.

Jim Manzi, the chief executive of Lotus Development, a rival software company, recently attacked Microsoft in an article in the *Wall Street Journal*, saying that Microsoft was likely to dominate our technological future. He wrote: "Microsoft has systematically blocked rate-of-change competition and has actually slowed the rate of innovation in the marketplace."

Within a few years, he added, Microsoft could control the way computers are linked over networks as completely as it now dominates PC operating systems.

Other competitors are joining in the argument. Apple Computer has complained that Mr Gates made a barely veiled threat to stop producing software for Apple's Macintosh, and Bob Frankenberg, the chief executive of Novell, the PC networking software company, says he has not ruled out the possibility of filing an antitrust lawsuit against Microsoft because of the way it intends to link its online service to Windows 95.

To the delight of Microsoft's rivals, there is also Stanley Sporkin, the judge who rejected a proposed antitrust settlement between Microsoft and the US Justice Department. The judge says it would not be in the public interest because it takes too narrow an approach. This week he insisted that such a ruling was well within his authority.

When Steve Hayden, an advertising executive, finished a presentation recently on his latest work for IBM, he unbuttoned his shirt and revealed a telling fashion statement. To a cheering audience at a computer industry conference in Phoenix, Mr Hayden, who heads the IBM account for Ogilvy & Mather, showed off a T-shirt depicting the judge over the words "Our hero".

Realistically, however, Microsoft's overwhelming dominance is likely to change only if customers decide that the technical advantages of rival products are sufficient to desert the market leader.

Is there any sign that the tide might turn? At the German computer show, Cebit 95, last week, IBM was able to announce a line-up of big German companies that have signed up for OS/2 Warp, its alternative to the world of Microsoft operating systems. They include Deutsche Bank, insurer Allianz Holding, Mercedes-Benz, Audi and Lufthansa.

Though IBM gave no details about the contracts, it claims that at least a million versions of the software would be installed on computers at key corporate clients by the end of next year. Since October, IBM says that it has sold more than a million copies of Warp in Europe, half in Germany.

Apple Computer also has its star areas. Dataquest, the research firm, said this week that Apple Computer topped the booming market for multimedia PCs last year, selling 2.35 million machines. Apple has also sold more than one million Power Macs — a new range launched only a year ago. Each sale means the customer has opted for an Apple rather than a Microsoft operating system.

It will be an uphill struggle, but if IBM and Apple can convince a few million more PC users that Windows 95 is not the only choice, Microsoft may at least start to face some irritating competition.

ONLINE

Messages on page

MERCURY has announced a £50 tone pager, Message Call. Callers phone a voice mailbox to leave messages and the pager's owner is then beeped to signal that a message is waiting. A PIN number is used to listen to the message.

There are no subscription charges. The only catch is that to leave and retrieve messages, users have to use premium rate phone numbers which are charged at 25p a minute at economy rate and 39p a minute at all other times.

Key jury

A JURY in America has sided with IBM against a former high school secretary who blamed the company's keyboards for repetitive strain injuries to her hands and arms.

The jurors decided that IBM had used reasonable care in designing the keyboards and was not negligent in failing to put warnings on them. The jury also thought that responsibility should rest with an employer, not the equipment's makers. The woman had also sued Apple Computer, but Apple reached an out-of-court settlement because of a legal error in preparing the case.

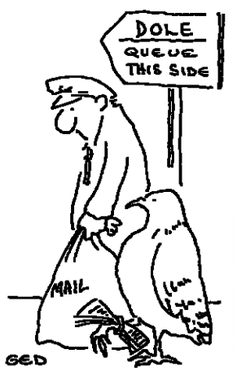
Student freed

JAKE BAKER, the University of Michigan student accused of sending out a threatening story on the Internet, has been released on $10,000 bail. Mr Baker was charged last month after he named a female classmate in a fictional story about rape and torture that was placed in one of the discussion groups on the worldwide network.

Prosecutors said the story constituted a real threat and wanted Mr Baker to be kept in prison. He was released after a psychologist testified that he is unlikely to act out his fantasies.

Mail service

DELPHI Internet has started an electronic mail service on which customers can send up to 1,000 messages for £5.88 a month. E-mails can be written offline using a special program. To "post" a letter, users click a button with a red pillar box which instructs the program to go online using the telephone line just long enough to



transmit and fetch mail. Subscribers must pay for their phone calls to the Delphi mail centre, which has an 0171 code.

● *Further information: 0171-757 7080.*

Caught, booked

MIRAMAX Films has acquired the worldwide rights to a book about how the FBI caught its most wanted computer hacker, according to the *Hollywood Reporter*.

Catching Kevin: The Pursuit and Capture of America's Most Wanted Computer Criminal is being written by computer consultant Tsutomu Shomomura, who helped the FBI to catch Kevin Mitnick last month.

Infotech is edited by Matthew May. E-mail address: matt__times@delphi.com

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David Guest explains how experienced IT workers can command greater salaries in marketing

From keyboard wizard to super salesman

Anyone who takes the slightest interest in salaries will be aware of job categories that command bigger rewards than their own. In information technology the most obvious contrast for technical specialists is provided by the money apparently available to those who sell the equipment, programs and services they themselves produce.

It can be a big difference. In sales, as in technical roles, a couple of years' experience is important, but thereafter salaries can rise steeply. Programmers or analysts with two years' experience might expect to make £25,000 a year: salesmen and women could command that and more as basic, with twice as much contingent on their meeting targets. Not surprisingly, a lot of IT sales people come from a technical background. This is partly a consequence of the complex nature of the product being sold.

Steve Broughton, UK sales manager of Synon, a company that produces programs to drive sophisticated business systems, began his career as a clerk with the Midland Bank and moved into IT through becoming first an operator, then a programmer and finally an analyst.

His present role involves finding and training new sales personnel. He expects to recruit a good proportion from the technical side of the business. "When you are in your early twenties," he says, "you will find that there are not many opportunities for a rookie salesman. So if you are interested in computing, the chances are that you will go into the technical side."

Of his own transition from embryonic boffin to salesman, Mr Broughton says: "What surprised me at the time was that you could *learn* the techniques of selling."

He believes that the switch now would be less dramatic for the kind of people Synon employs. "The technical people tend to be more and more customer-facing. In the old days, you would have kept them in a cupboard and maybe let them out every now and then. But now there is a support role that involves their spending a lot of time with customers."

Helene Imok is divisional manager of Jigsaw, a recruitment consultancy that specialises in placing sales and marketing professionals in the IT industry. She suggests that *personality is at least as important* as background. "I think it is fair to say that there is a personality that is appropriate to sales," she says. "I would be looking for someone dynamic, switched-on, with good presentation skills and perhaps the gift of the gab.

"When I find someone like that, the next thing is to take them and market them almost as a product — if they have C skills [a popular *programming language*], for example, you can go to a company looking for that and sell them the person on that basis."

The skills shortage that makes C++ programmers and relational database specialists valuable commodities applies also to sales staff in those areas. A technician with such *skills has the choice of exploiting* them in the technical arena or applying them to a sales context.

Ms Imok says that the time needed to move completely from technical work to sales varies with personality, attitude and even the nature of the product being sold. "If someone is pretty switched on, maybe you can move them *straight to telesales and after a few months into full sales,*" she says. "But it can take from 18 to 24 months. If I put someone into the PC area, which has a fast turnover, people can prove themselves very quickly. *But if you are selling* something that involves a six-month cycle time, proving yourself obviously takes longer."

She adds a cautionary note about the working life of salespeople. "If you are on the technical side, are involved with the day-to-day technology and keep yourself up to date, you should still be employable at 55. But a sales person might be on the shelf at 40, so they should try to get into an executive role."

Mr Broughton is inclined to disagree. He says: "If you put a 45-year-old technical specialist next to a 45-year-old salesman, the argument might hold. But a lot of the sales job has become commoditised. Genuinely professional sales people are in demand as a result.

"Those companies that still sell *directly quite like 40-year-old sales* represenatives, although, admittedly, there are fewer such companies around. But it makes sense: if you are running BP or Shell as an account, you want a mature individual to run them. You would not give it to a novice."

In fact, the average age of salesmen is going up, he says. "If you are selling a commodity that is difficult and complex, and you are looking *for new business, you need to have* been through the mill and to have a full understanding of the complete sales process."

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Mozart damned in staging from hell



DONALD COOPER

Victims: Peter Coleman-Wright (Giovanni), John Hudson (Ottavio), Penelope Walmsley-Clark (Donna Anna), Janice Watson (Donna Elvira), Urban Malmberg (Leporello)

Don Giovanni
Coliseum

As Leporello sings in the Act I finale: "This looks like a disaster." In the current politico-artistic climate a disaster is the last thing that English National Opera needs. But it is a hideously convenient word with which to sum up the new production of Mozart's opera that opened on Wednesday.

Could it have been prevented? In theory, perhaps yes. It is a co-production with Flanders Opera, and opened in Antwerp last September. Whoever was there from ENO could either have ordered the immediate exhumation of their Jonathan Miller-Philip Prowse staging, which still had plenty of life in it, or at least pointed out forcefully to the Flemish producer, Guy Joosten, what didn't work and suggested equally forcefully that he do something about it. But no: it has landed with a sickening thud on the Coliseum stage, Johannes Leiacker's scrappy Caravaggio-based (why?) sets and all. And it does the company's international standing no good whatsoever.

> "It is the apparent lack of basic directorial skills that offends"

It is not so much details that offend — the absence of a statue and stage-bands, the crass upstaging of arias by extraneous business, the undermining of the finale (and thence of the whole opera) by stagehands striking the set and distributing music stands — as the apparent lack of basic directorial skills. Consistency of characterisation, forging of relationships, suggestion of class structures — all go by the board. Who *are* these people? Why on earth are we spending an evening with them?

The only detectable strand of thought is what looks like a creepy element of misogyny: Anna, Elvira and Zerlina (the last-named a calculating trollop) all seem, as the tabloids might put it, to be "longing for it", and the first two are presented as figures of fun. This is not a sound basis on which to stage *Don Giovanni* in 1995.

Just as depressing is the treatment of the text. There are many good lines in the tried and tested Holden translation, but they are not directed to be sung with point, and laugh after laugh is killed stone dead by laboured, dogged delivery.

There are few musical compensations. Markus Stenz, the conductor, has a good ear for timbre: the overall sound is refined and nicely balanced. Some of his speeds are too brisk for a house the size of the Coliseum, but the gracings and vocal embellishments are welcome. Purely musically there is much to enjoy in his reading, but there is also a fatal lack of dramatic impulse and feeling — can the trio beneath Elvira's window ever have sounded so wooden, so joyless?

One's heart bleeds for a more than capable cast. Peter Coleman-Wright, his voice fuller, juicier, more expressive than when he last took on Giovanni in the Miller production, is left high and dry as a character, and is occasionally tempted to overcompensate with some coarse, off-the-note singing. Penelope Walmsley-Clark is an accurate Anna, if a little light and unvarying of timbre, and Nerys Jones a sweet-toned Zerlina. I wish Janice Watson had been allowed *Mi tradi* — she sang the rest of the role beautifully.

John Hudson was uncomfortably cast as Ottavio and encouraged to play him as a soppy nerd — neither music nor text can support this. Urban Malmberg, a survivor from Antwerp as Leporello, is a sardonic comedian but embarrassingly light of voice for the Coliseum. John Connell's Commendatore perforce spent too much time off-stage and Ashley Thorburn stood in at the last minute as Masetto. If only someone had been directing them all . . .

RODNEY MILNES

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In Search of Angels
Peterborough Community Opera

In the beginning was Mother Fen. She created the world and appeased the sea. When an Abbot arrived in a boat, her people deserted her, and the Angels appeared. They watched as the people built their cathedral. A Malcontent arrives with a destroying army. The Angels flee, released from the images that have trapped them. The Malcontent reappears, and the desperate search for the Angels steps up . . .

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Dove's score encompasses fiddle and faltering voice, recorders and barbershop choirs, operatic principals, rugged choruses, cleric and commoner, angel and devil. Yet the strength of its structure, the freshness of its imagination, the detail of its set pieces would enable it to be enjoyed as well on disc. This is community opera with no concessions.

Peterborough, Dove and Campbell have, over the period of a year, created a vision of a past and a future eternally present. You are lucky, though, if you get more than a tiny glimpse of it at any given time. Images, words and musical phrases appear, disappear and reappear among the thronging promenading audience and the equally immense cast. They flow, like the tide of time itself, from cathedral transept (Act I) to nave (Act II), out through the precinct, past the Guildhall and into the Queensgate Shopping Centre (Act III). Woe betide anyone who doesn't flow with them.

Stay too long, enraptured by the recurring cimbalom, the huge, rolling choruses, the might of Mother Fen (Nuala Willis) or the haunting visions of the Poet (countertenor Jonathan Peter Kenny) and you might get mown down by a brass band changing site, or the sea-nymphs about to flood. Sit too comfortably on the cold corner of a pediment and you might find yourself unwittingly on the set, trampled to death by tiny angels in gaberdines.

Out of the hurly-burly comes a rolling echo of another, earlier East Anglian sea storm, another community Fludde; as the Tree of Knowledge reaches up to heaven, Valhalla seems to be built; as wood and stone turn to a nave a-glitter with silver and gold.

The deafening rhythms of the samba band draw the crowd out into the night. The shopping mall is seen in its full grotesquerie. The dispossessed join hands across the centuries. "Forgive us", they sing, "for flying too high". The Angels suddenly appear on the escalators, and the thudding samba leads the company down to earth and out, back into the night.

HILARY FINCH

THEATRE: A Liverpool family struggle to lift new year spirits; minced Ibsen with liberal helpings of spiciness

The ghost of marriage past

Uganda
Theatre Upstairs, Royal Court

Back comes the family from seeing in the new year at the local pub, to find Dad, who has not left the house since his wife died five years ago, proposing a characteristically dismal toast to the lady's memory. "To Dorothy," he mumbles in the vague direction of her photograph, "I'll be with you soon, love." It is not exactly a recipe for the good time that surely ought to be enjoyed in a nice working-class house at the Scouse counterpart of Hogmanay.

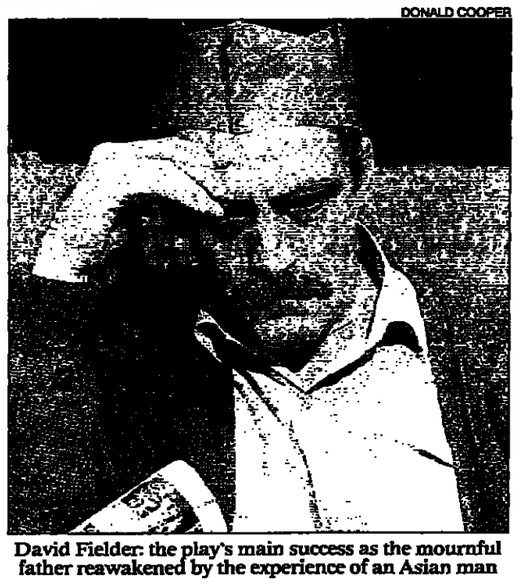
In this, Dad's wassailing has something in common with Judith Johnson's new play. It, too, is a bit of a downer. It is intelligently observed, well written and quite funny at times, yet it lacks momentum and tension. The emotional stakes are high enough to get your attention, but too low to rivet it.

The main success of Polly Teale's production is David Fielder's playing of Dad himself. He traipses red-eyed from his chair in front of the television news to his nightly can of baked beans in the kitchen, looking like the wraith of a mangy grey stoat, and sounding pretty spectral, too. His children, led by Sally Rogers's Trish, dance dutiful and even affectionate attendance, but cannot wean him from long, mournful silences punctuated by mumbles of crabby self-pity. Not until the arrival of Trish's boy-friend (Kulvinder Ghir), an Asian who remains resilient despite having lost his family home in Uganda and a pretty young wife, does Dad recover a little resilience himself.

Before long the old boy is preparing for a trip to London and even thinking of heading off to Kampala. Fielder's wary, furtive performance makes this reawakening less mawkish than you might expect, but it is not free from sentimentality. There are other times in the play, too, when you feel that Johnson could give her characters a good, hard Liverpool look and a good, hard Liverpool shaking. Hints of parental disagreements between Dad and his long-lost Dorothy go for nothing. Bad feelings between his son (Karl Draper) and his wife (Ashley Jensen) do little more than hover hesitantly in the air. More, much more could be made of Trish's elder sister (Tanya Ronder) and her lover (Ruth Lass).

With sounds of John Major coming from the telly, and references to Bosnia, there are intimations that Johnson wants to give her play a political dimension. If so, she does not achieve it. Instead, she offers us a good-natured account of a rather ordinary family with a few problems, none of them particularly awful, let alone insuperable. It is not a formula that generates terror, pity, or even much fun.

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DONALD COOPER

David Fielder: the play's main success as the mournful father reawakened by the experience of an Asian man



MARILYN KINGWILL

Richard Ryder and Fern Smith: half of a foursome keen to treat Ibsen with the reverence he deserves

That Henrik, he had it on the brain

How to Live
Watermans, Brentford

VOLCANO Theatre invariably provide an exhilarating night at the theatre, even when it is unclear what the actors are up to at some given moment or other, and no saying what they will be doing at the next. Leaping from tables, leaping onto one another, they erupt across the stage and, much like Etna or Mauna Loa, are happy to throw things at us — in this case a baby.

The rubber infant may have been Little Eyolf, or Eilert Loevborg's child, or possibly one of the Master Builder's offspring, because Volcano cram six or seven Ibsen dramas into the mincer and shove significant fragments together for us to compare and contrast. The title is the didactic message of all Ibsen's plays, though most convey it by demonstrating how not to, and Volcano are out to represent the message through a four-dimensional collage.

Now that Ibsen has been enthroned in theatre's Valhalla, the god of reason and reform, the passions that drive his characters tend to be forgotten. Or so they argue, and I would argue against them, but am perfectly happy to enjoy watching their vigorous endeavour to redress what they see as imbalance. *Hedda Gabler* collides with *A Doll's House*, *When We Dead Awaken* awakens *Brand*, as the cast of four race through a sequence of contradicting stage-directions — "She gazes up at the ceiling", "He throws himself desperately into the snow" — and sit, stand, gaze, throw, wave pistols, claw the air and collapse.

Ibsen is fatally easy to parody. You don't even have to change the words, just *emote* without inhibition. Fern Smith is the expert in this. She and the others are agile and funny, and Ibsen is soon reduced to the absurdity of early Ionesco, but a more serious purpose is hard to locate.

Suddenly the actors break from their roles and become themselves. Smith and the gawkily direct Jane Arnfield (a splendid giggler) discuss the sexual features of the men. Richard Ryder may be losing his looks but has a nice bum. Paul Davies's asthma attacks increase his penis size. Even the director (Nigel Charnock) comes in for criticism. Smith and Ryder launch themselves into the horniest tango you are likely to see outside a strip club, and now the evening's argument becomes clear: whatever else old Henrik includes in his plays, he is always writing about SEX. Try living without it and you may as well jump into a fjord.

Right they are in finding this message there, and though a good production of, say, *The Master Builder* will also find it, Volcano's sizzling teamwork gives us a bright and gamey reminder.

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ZORRO — THE MUSICAL. Make tracks to see the masked swashbuckler right wrongs, defy gravity and give the audience a great time in a typically rumbustious Ken Hill show. Performances extended one week. **Theatre Royal**, Gerry Raffles Square, E15 (0181-534 0310). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 3pm. Until Mar 25.

LES MAMELLES DE TIRESIAS Simon Rattle and the London Sinfonietta repeat yesterday's Birmingham performance of Poulenc's gender-bending masterpiece, set to a dazzling series of music hall waltzes and polkas. It's a star-studded night for perhaps the funniest opera written this century. **Queen Elizabeth Hall**, South Bank (0171-928 8800). Tonight, 7.45pm.

ELSEWHERE

DERBY. Opening night for a new production for Jonathan Lewis's 1993 award winner **Our Boys**. Set in a military hospital where five soldiers kill time crudely, comically and sadly. Coming to London's Donmar in April.

WEEKEND CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

Playhouse, Eagle Centre (01332 363275). Tonight, 8pm. Then Mon-Thurs, 7.30pm; Fri and Sat, 8pm; mat Apr 1, 2.30pm. Until Apr 8.

LEEDS: Neil Bartlett's Lyric Hammersmith/Playhouse co-production of **Romeo and Juliet** arrives in Leeds this weekend. Inventive performance artist Emily Wool makes an auspicious Shakespearean debut, opposite Stuart Bunce's Romeo for a bare-staged, high energy performance. **Quarry**, West Yorkshire Playhouse, The Hill Mount (0113 244 2111). Mon-Fri, 7.30pm; Sat, 8pm; some mats Wed and Sat. Until Apr 29.

MUSIC AROUND SCOTLAND: The **Scottish Chamber Orchestra** heads for the Borders tonight with the premiere of *Muckle Mou'd Meg*, a commissioned work fashioned on the legend of the young raiver who must choose between death or marriage to his captor's daughter Meg. In the same programme, Daniel Harding conducts Mozart's *Divertimento* in F and Stravinsky's *The Soldier's Tale*. The **Royal Scottish National Orchestra** also takes the stage tonight in Edinburgh (Usher; repeated tomorrow in Glasgow) for a performance of Stravinsky's *The Rite of Spring* and Ravel's *Daphnis and Chloé*, Gary Bertini conducts. On Sunday, it's back to Edinburgh for an evening of Beethoven and Mahler from the **BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra**. **Galashiels**, Volunteer Hall (0896 752 900). **Edinburgh**, Usher Hall (0131-228 1155). *Festival* (BBC SO) (529 6000). **Glasgow**, Royal Concert Hall (0141-227 5511). All at 7.30pm.

WATFORD: Another Sharman Macdonald play is launched this week, following on from the success of *The Winter Guest* in London. **Borders of Paradise** explores the romantic yearnings of late adolescence: two girls on a cliff gaze down at boys surfing, in Lou Stein's last production here as artistic director. **Palace**, Clarendon Road (01923 225671). Now previewing, 7.45pm; opens Mar 22. Then Mon-Thurs, 7.45pm; Fri and Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 3pm.

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: Impressionism in Britain (0171-638-4141) ... **British Museum:** The Rumbustious World of Thomas Rowlandson (0171-636 1555) ... **Courtauld:** Frank Dobson: Sculpture 1915-1954 (071-873 2526) ... **Hayward:** Yves Klein (071-928 3144) **National Gallery:** The Age of Elegance (0171-839 3321) ... **National Portrait Gallery:** The Road from 1945 (0171-306 0055) ... **Royal Academy:** Nicolas Poussin (0171-439 7438) ... **Tate:** Works on Paper: Gainsborough to the Pre-Raphaelites, final week (0171-887 8000) ... **V & A:** Warworks: Women Photographers, final week (0171-938 8500)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
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◩ **AIN'T MISBEHAVIN':** Exhilaratin' song 'n' dance show created from the hits of Fats Waller. Non-stop energy on feet.
Lyric, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5045). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

☐ **CONVERSATIONS WITH MY FATHER:** Judd Hirsch re-creates his Tony Award-winning performance in Herb Gardner's play, covering 40 years of Jewish experience in New York. When all's told, it's fairly thin stuff. Alan Ayckbourn directs.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (0171-928 7616). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm.

☐ **DESIGN FOR LIVING:** Rachel Weisz, Rupert Graves and Marcus D'Amico in Coward's menage à trois comedy. Sean Mathias's award-winner, with even more sexual rough and tumble than at the Donmar.
Gielgud, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm.

☐ **IN PRAISE OF LOVE:** Peter Bowles and Lisa Harrow in Rattigan drama about bravely facing death. Interesting and finally touching as it shows the effects, ill and good, of emotional restraint.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5070). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

☐ **KILLER JOE:** Utterly absorbing shock-drama by Tracy Letts where a trash-trailer family virtually annihilates itself by employing a hit-man to kill their unwanted Mom. Wilson Milam directs the original Chicago production.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (0171-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 8pm.

◩ **INDIAN INK:** Felicity Kendal, Art Malik and Margaret Tyzack in Tom Stoppard's latest, wittily, poignantly, exploring aspects of Anglo-Indian resentments and respect. Peter Wood directs.
Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (0171-416 6003). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

◩ **MAMA I WANT TO SING:** The longest-running Off-Broadway black musical, based on the life of the Harlem singer Doris Troy (who here plays her own mother). Cast includes the charismatic Chaka Khan.
Cambridge, Earlham Street, WC2 (0171-494 5080). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Tue and Sat, 3pm. Until Apr 8.

◩ **THE PRESENT:** Australian control freaks bewildering a naive young Brit. Nick Ward's latest, excellent acting but weird stuff.
Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (0181-743 3388). Mon-Sat, 8pm. Until Mar 25.

☐ **UP'N'UNDER:** John Godber's rugby play, done by Hull Truck. Enthusiastic' n 'simple. Leave your brains in the changing room.
Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (0171-839 4401). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

◩ **THE WINTER GUEST:** Phyllida Law and Sian Thomas head Alan Rickman's sensitively directed cast in Sharman Macdonald's fine play about loss, survival, the perils and joys of life.
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (0171-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 4pm. Until Apr 15.

◩ **THE WILL:** GST Company's delightful and delicately witty production of Marivaux's comedy about a legacy's threat to three love affairs.
Greenwich Studio, Prince of Orange, 189 Greenwich High Road, SE10 (0181-858 2862). Tue-Sat, 8pm.

◩ **WOMEN OF TROY:** Euripides's intense and poignant tragedy, translated by Kenneth McLeish. Jane Birkin comes back to the English-speaking theatre to play Andromache with Rosemary Harris as Hecuba in Annie Castledine's directorial debut here.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight, 7.15pm; Sat, 2pm and 7.15pm.

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Arcadia:** Haymarket (0171-930 8800) ... ☐ **Blood Brothers:** Phoenix (0171-867 1044) ... ■ **Cats:** New London (0171-405 0072) ... ☐ **Copacabana:** Prince of Wales (0171-839 5972) ... ☐ **Crazy for You:** Prince Edward (0171-734 8951) ... ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner:** Duchess (0171-494 5070) ... ◩ **Grease:** Dominion (0171-416 6060) ... ◩ **Les Misérables:** Palace (0171-434 0909) ◩ **My Night With Reg:** Criterion (0171-839 4488) ... ☐ **Only the Lonely:** Piccadilly (0171-369 1734) ... ◩ **A Passionate Woman:** Comedy (0171-369 1731) ... ■ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's (0171-494 5400) ☐ **She Loves Me:** Savoy (0171-836 8888) ... ■ **Sunset Boulevard:** Adelphi (0171-344 0055) ... ■ **Three Tall Women:** Wyndhams (0171-369 1736) ... ◩ **The Woman in Black:** Fortune (0171-836 2238)

Ticket information supplied by Society of London Theatre.

NEW RELEASES

EDEN VALLEY (15): A father, a son, and harness racing. Raw slice of life from north-east England and the Amber Films collective.
ICA Cinematheque (0171-930 3647)

IMMORTAL BELOVED (15): Gary Oldman is Beethoven, but the film still ends up worthy and dull. With Jeroen Krabbe and Isabella Rossellini; writer-director, Bernard Rose.
Empire (0800 888911) **MGM Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332)

◆ **I.Q.** (U): Albert Einstein steers his niece towards romance with an ordinary Joe. Overly cute comedy with Meg Ryan, Tim Robbins and Walter Matthau. Director, Fred Schepisi.
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LITTLE WOMEN (U): Fresh, tender, feminist version of the 19th century classic, with Winona Ryder, Susan Sarandon, and Gabriel Byrne. Director, Gillian Armstrong.
Odeon Leicester Sq (0426-915 683)

◆ **PRIEST** (15): Torment of a gay Catholic priest. Overwrought drama that still packs a punch. Antonia Bird directs Linus Roache, Tom Wilkinson.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **Curzon West End** (0171-369 1722) **MGM Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402) **Screen/Green** (0171-226 3520) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

CURRENT

◆ **DISCLOSURE** (18): Michael Douglas says no to Demi Moore. Superficially enjoyable version of Michael Crichton's sexual harassment novel. Director, Barry Levinson.
Barbican (0171-638 8891) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636)

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

Trocadero (0171-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** (0171-727 6705) **Odeon Marble Arch** (01426 914501) **Screen/ Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

I LOVE A MAN IN UNIFORM (18): Cop show actor loses grip on reality. Striking Canadian film from director David Wellington, with Tom McCamus.
Metro (071-437 0757)

◆ **LEON** (18): Precious child shelters under a hitman's wing. Sleek, empty thriller shot in New York by French director Luc Besson.
MGMs: Shaftesbury Avenue (0171-836 6279) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Mezzanine** (01426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** (792 3332)

MRS. PARKER AND THE VICIOUS CIRCLE (15): Alan Rudolph's melancholy and witty portrait of Dorothy Parker and her era. Compelling performances from Jennifer Jason Leigh and a well-chosen cast.
Chelsea (0171-351 3742) **Curzon Mayfair** (0171-369 1720) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402) **Richmond** (0181-332 0030) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

◆ **NELL** (12): Doctor Liam Neeson nurtures backwoods wild child Jodie Foster. Well acted, well meant, but glutinous. Director, Michael Apted.
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◆ **ONLY YOU** (PG): Comedy, romance and Italian travelogue with Marisa Tomei and Robert Downey Jr. Director, Norman Jewison.
Odeon Mezzanine (01426 915683)

◆ **PRET-A-PORTER** (15): Surprisingly feeble satire on the fashion world from Robert Altman. With Kim Basinger, Sophia Loren, Marcello Mastroianni, Stephen Rea and many others.
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◆ **QUIZ SHOW** (15): Director Robert Redford resurrects a TV scandal of the late 1950s. Fine performances but not enough bite, or relevance.
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LA REINE MARGOT (18): Bloody, brooding, occasionally impressive French history lesson, with Isabelle Adjani and Daniel Auteuil.
Curzon Phoenix (0171-369 1721) **MGM Panton Street** (0171-930 0631)

◆ **THE RIVER WILD** (12): Criminals imperil a family on their white water rafting holiday. Enjoyable action thriller, with Meryl Streep and Kevin Bacon.
MGM Trocadero (0171-434 0031) **Plaza** (0800 888997)

◆ **STARGATE** (PG): Galactic adventures of Kurt Russell and James Spader. Preposterous, derivative but fun; Roland Emmerich directs.
MGM Trocadero (0171-434 0031)

POP ON FRIDAY: Lloyds stumps up for Knebworth . . . Helen Shapiro going strong

The bank that likes to say 'yo'

It had to happen: rock music has joined the grown-up art forms such as opera, symphony music, blockbuster art exhibitions and the rest. Lloyds Bank is to sponsor the Glyndebourne of rock, Knebworth, to the tune of £1 million.

So if you stumble across one or two men in pinstripes and bowler hats as you elbow your way through the 120,000 other rockers at Knebworth on the first Saturday of July, be nice to them. They will be going quietly about their business, looking after their investment.

Hitherto, rock sponsorship has been the province of car companies, brewers and jeans manufacturers, but Lloyds' first venture beyond the realms of the crush bar and the private view is easily the biggest commitment by any sponsor to a single rock event.

The £1 million includes the rights as title sponsor and will cover the costs of such merchandise as CDs, videos and tapes, a special Helen Storey designed T-shirt and even wellies, as well as branch displays and privilege tickets for customers and staff.

In pursuit of potential account holders among the young, Lloyds had followed an inventive sponsorship programme, taking on the Bafta film and television awards, pioneering fashion sponsorship through *The Clothes Show Live* and the British Fashion Awards, launching Young Musician of the Year and most recently the Lloyds Bank Film Challenge. But the quest for the young customer was still on.

David Goldesgeyme, sponsorship manager at Lloyds, first looked at sport, but the field was overcrowded and the events overpriced. The bank might have picked up Wimbledon or the London Marathon, which is still available and for which Lloyds was once on bid. But the marathon would have cost Lloyds nearly £3 million, and Wimbledon does not want sponsorship.

"We were looking for a new sponsorship market where we would be able to cherry-pick," Goldesgeyme says, "and it was in our quest for popular quality events that we looked at popular music. Rock is an absolute natural."

As Goldesgeyme talked to promoters, Knebworth emerged as the gilt-edged event. There will be 2,500 tickets for new student and graduate account holders, space in the VIP lounge (for which black-market tickets fetched £2,000 last time) for Lloyds' guests, and priority booking of 50,000 tickets for other customers — Knebworth '90 was sold out in 24 hours.

Twenty years ago, the music promoter Andrew Miller and his production company, Silver Clef, set about saving the debt-ridden Nordoff Robbins Music Therapy Centre, which had discovered the importance of music in the treatment of autistic children. He saved it with the help of friends — the centre now boasts a Wet Wet Wet Library — and to celebrate 15 years together he organised the first Silver Clef Knebworth in 1990.

The grounds of Knebworth Hall, the 15th-century stately seat of the Lytton family until the early 1970s, was opened to al fresco rock events in 1971 by the new owners, David and Chryssie Cobbold, who needed to raise money to restore the house. Summer concerts became almost an annual event, but the first, 12-hour Silver Clef concert was a watershed for open-air rock in terms of both the size of the audience and the number and quality of the bands.

For Knebworth '90 Miller brought together Eric Clapton, Status Quo, Paul McCartney, Pink Floyd, Genesis, Dire Straits, Phil Collins and Elton John. It raised £6 million for the centre, which now has several branches around the world.

Miller promises that the 1995 line-up, some of which will be announced today, will be just as glittering. Lloyds Bank Knebworth '95, as it will be known from today, brings to the sponsor an almost unlimited audience, including millions worldwide who will tune in to television and radio broadcasts or buy recordings and videos. Research shows that it reaches an audience in the age range 18 to 45.

"We should make another £6 million," Miller says, "but costs have rocketed in the past five years, which is why this sponsorship is so important. It cost us £1 million to do it in 1990, and now it's costing £3 million." This time the Brit Trust music education charity is to benefit as well.

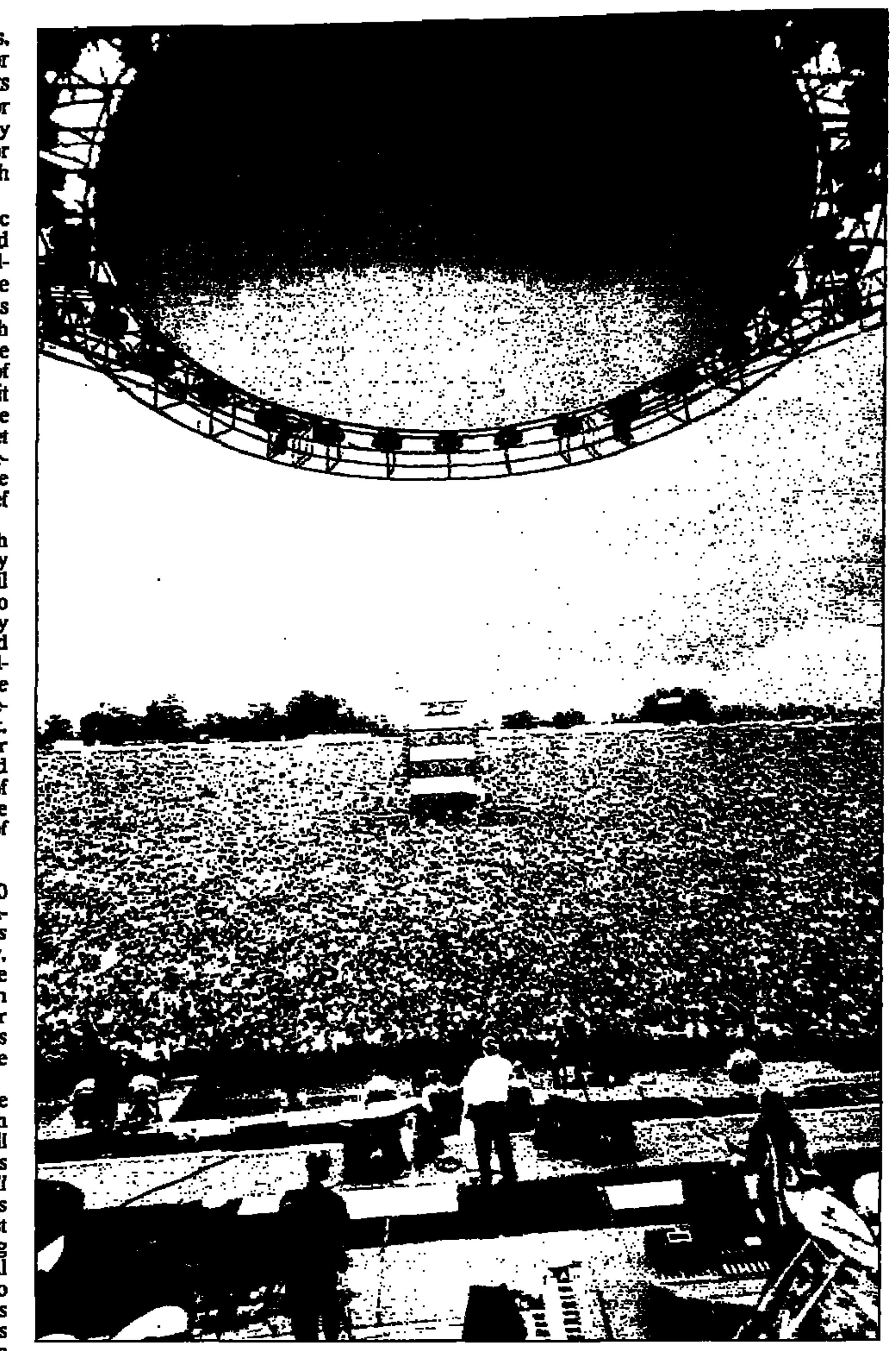
It is not Lloyds' flashy corporate or private banking which is funding the sponsorship but the 1,860 retail branches, manned by 36,000 staff. The average age of these bank workers is 30, Goldesgeyme discovered, plumb in the middle of the Knebworth catchment range, so branch staff can win Knebworth tickets as a reward for nationwide fundraising initiatives for the Nordoff Robbins Centre.

"We're eager to generate customer loyalty, too," Goldesgeyme says. "It's very costly to lose customers and there's more switching in the market than ever."

Rock is becoming sought after by established arts sponsors, and Barclaycard had been hard on Goldesgeyme's heels for Knebworth. "We're certainly not just putting our toe in the water with this event," Goldesgeyme says. "We are committed to rock music — we may sponsor Andrew Miller's 2000 concert if he has one, but we're already looking for a 1996 open-air event of the right kind."

SIMON TAIT

● *Lloyds Bank Knebworth '95 is at Knebworth, Herts, on Saturday, July 1*



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CABARET: Once she toured with the Beatles, but the former schoolgirl star is still in good voice

Happiness runs

Helen Shapiro
Café Royal

HELEN SHAPIRO is possessed of a remarkably powerful voice which, more than 30 years after it brought stardom to a then 14-year-old schoolgirl, seems only to be getting better. Certainly Shapiro now employs it with the easy assurance of a total professional, whose pop chart days are no more than a chapter in a story-so-far which includes stage and television acting, West End and touring musicals, jazz and gospel albums.

With a five-piece band, led from the piano by Barry Robinson, she is currently offering an appropriately wide-ranging collection of songs to the fortunate diners and drinkers in the Green Room at the Café Royal. Shapiro, in her first appearance there, looked entirely at home.

The opening *You've Got What It Takes* sounded a note of self-approbation otherwise belied by her generally unpretentious, mildly self-mocking presentation. She followed it with a combination of two mellifluous pop standards, James Taylor's *Your Smiling Face* and Bill Withers's *Just the Two of Us*: which exploited all the flexible strength and dynamics of her voice.

A reminder of the jazz album, made in 1983, *Straighten Up And Fly Right* offered Robinson an opportunity for a solo. He and the rest of the band — Barry Cook on drums, Frank Dawkins on guitar, Justin Myers on bass and Mark Hendy on keyboards — provided exemplary backing through the hour-plus set.

She sang her teenage hits, including *Walking Back to Happiness* (complete with "woopba, oh yea yeah" interjections), *Don't Treat Me* ("bop, bop-bop") *Like a Child* and the more substantial *You Don't Know*, and offered a "medleyette" of *I'll Never Fall in Love Again*, *Up On the Roof* and *Will You Still Love Me Tomorrow*, rounding that off with a spirited *Twisting the Night Away*. Then it was back to jazzy standards before a beautifully judged *Midnight at the Oasis* and a rousing gospel finish.

TONY PATRICK

● *Helen Shapiro is at the Green Room, Café Royal (0171-437 9090) from Tuesday to Saturday, until April 1*

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. . . Radiohead are broadcasting to Britain . . . Kirsty MacColl drinks Caitlin Moran under the table . . . Gene stretch for Olympus

Wired up for better reception

David Sinclair meets a band tuning in to tomorrow's wavelength

Like the ugly duckling that turned into a swan, Radiohead have suddenly bloomed into one of this country's most magnificent bands. Initially viewed with suspicion as a possible one-hit wonder after the rogue success in America of their 1993 single, *Creep*, the five-man group from Oxford have never been treated on an equal footing with the much more fashionable Blur/Suede/Oasis gang. Having been ignored by the British media until their debut album, *Pablo Honey*, was well on its way to selling a million copies abroad, the band have had to make do, thus far, with little support and only grudging respect at home.

But that has changed with the release this week of their second album, *The Bends*, a sensational collection of songs which has rightly garnered glowing reviews across the board.

"We've made an album that we're really proud of, and I just feel completely vindicated," says singer and guitarist Thom Yorke in a rare burst of unabashed delight. "I feel we can do exactly what we like from now on."

As the lyricist and principal contributor to the band's five-way songwriting axis, Yorke is primarily responsible for the stirring melodies and dark, psychologically-scarred anthems which are Radiohead's stock in trade. A short, spiky-haired character with a lazy left eye and a meagre physique, his runtish appearance belies an agile mind, an iron will and a formidable store of pent-up energy. At Hallam University in Sheffield, mid-way through the band's current British tour, he wanders restlessly about the Students' Union bar area before the gig in a moth-eaten fur coat, a sort of blond, punk version of Richard III.

Very much the man with the vision thing, Yorke is the focus of the group on stage and its spokesman off. Understandably, he has come to be closely associated with Radiohead's songs, which are assumed, willy-nilly, to be the personal confessions of a deeply troubled young man — "that *Creep* guy" as he sometimes finds himself identified in the street, particularly in America.

"Sometimes it's confessional. Sometimes it's not," Yorke says. "I probably felt like a creep when I wrote that song, but I don't think I'm a creep all the time. Actually, I think a lot of what we do is quite humorous, but nobody else on the planet seems to agree. Standing on a stage singing 'I want to be part of the human race' . . . it's got to be a bit funny, hasn't it?"

In most descriptions of Yorke's lyrics, there are several words which crop up a good deal more often than "humorous"; top of the list in recent weeks have been "self-loathing", "angst" and "despair".

"If I'm happy I don't usually write," Yorke allows, warily. "I'm happy after I write. There's an enormous sense of release. But I don't feel that we have to carry on churning out songs that are all about desperate human beings at the end of their tether la-la-la. That's all a bit old and boring now. It's a fine line between writing something with genuine emotional impact and turning into little idiots feeling sorry for ourselves and playing stadium rock."

Yorke and the other members of Radiohead — Ed O'Brien (guitar/vocals), Phil Selway (drums) Jon Greenwood (guitar/keyboards) and his brother Colin Greenwood (bass) — started the band (originally called On A Friday) while they were all at Abingdon public school in Oxford. They each went on to different universities, but managed to keep in touch, waiting until all of them, except Jon Greenwood, had completed their degrees before reconvening and turning professional.

While other former public-school rockers — such as Joe Strummer and Shane MacGowan — have gone to strenuous lengths to distance themselves from their backgrounds, the various members of Radiohead have made no effort to cover their tracks. Yorke is obviously a creative and highly-strung individual who would doubtless seem like an outsider no matter where he came from. But the other four are relaxed, well-spoken characters, without any of the usual downmarket rock 'n' roll affectations. Rather than competing with Yorke for attention, they act as a unified support system for bringing his high-voltage ideas to earth.

They display little enthusiasm for the stereotyped role-playing that tends to go with being a rock band on the road, save for one intriguing detail. They are doing the entire tour, which takes them from Truro to Aberdeen and most points in between, without staying at hotels. This entails sleeping, indeed living, on the tour bus for two weeks, which is far from standard practice for a band at this level (even the support group, Marion, are staying in hotels).

"A lot of bands can't stand tour buses, but we're the opposite," Yorke insists, a little sheepishly. "It's that gang thing, isn't it? It's like you're going camping for two weeks. But it's on a bus. It's a bit sad really."

The show at Hallam is anything but sad. When people compare them to U2, it is not because Radiohead sound like the Irish megastars, but because their music has a similar sense of high drama and drive. They do not do anything particularly flashy, but within minutes of taking the stage they make the 950-capacity hall seem far too small to contain the sound and sheer conviction of their music.

Yorke, in particular, buries himself in his performance, singing with stark intensity in his high, pained voice. His guitar lets him down during *The Bends*, so he hurls it to the floor and carries on without it, twitching and jumping as if he is indeed suffering from the life-threatening effects of rapid pressure changes in the bloodstream to which the song refers.

For Yorke, the skinny kid who spent his childhood in and out of hospital, undergoing operations to correct the paralysed muscles in his almost-blind left eye, a disability for which he was teased mercilessly at school, you feel that this is more than just a job or a fantastically rewarding creative outlet.

"Being in a band is about wreaking your revenge on the world. It's like when you get chucked by your first girlfriend. You just say to yourself: I'm going to be famous one day, and then she'll regret doing that."

● *Radiohead's tour continues at the University of Central Lancashire, Preston (01772 201201), tomorrow; Middlesborough Town Hall (01642 242561), Sunday; Manchester University (0161-275 2930), Monday; Waterfront, Norwich (01603 766266), Wednesday; Roadmender, Northampton (01604 21408), Thursday 23; Forum, London NW5 (0171-284 2200), next Friday.* The Bends *is released this week on Parlophone 8 29626.*

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Bringing it all back home: Thom Yorke in full flight at Hallam University, Sheffield, on Radiohead's extensive British tour

NEW ALBUMS: Morrissey's disciples . . . Elton's flop

A Gene genie called Smith

GENE
Olympian
(Costermonger GENEICD)
ELASTICA, Sleeper, McAlmont, Tricky . . . less than three months into the year, and already 1995 has produced an unusually impressive crop of debut albums by British acts. But the new group which seems to have been most obviously groomed for greatness is Gene.

No strangers to the music press, and certainly not a band to underestimate their own importance, Gene have cleverly manoeuvred themselves into position as next in line to the 1990s starmaking dynasty that produced first Suede and then Oasis.

Where Suede were influenced by David Bowie, and Oasis have continued to borrow heavily from the Beatles, Gene take as their template the music of the Smiths. In particular, singer Martin Rossiter comes to the *Olympian* party armed with a stock of Morrissey-isms such as "six months inside Wandsworth's finest landmark" (from *Truth Rest Your Head*) and "I'm at my lowest ebb/So please don't take that tone" (from *Still Can't Find The Phone*) which he delivers with a familiar touch of melancholy and a suitably arch flourish.

They are saved from being a Xerox of the Smiths by Steve Mason's thoughtful guitar playing — loosely modelled on Faces-era Ron Wood — and a bristling self-confidence which permeates songs such as *Haunted By You*, *To The City* and the especially seductive *Sleep Well Tonight*.

Olympian is defined in the dictionary as "majestic or godlike in manner or bearing". That is putting the case too strongly, but as an opening gambit this is an album which sets Gene safely on course for greater heights.



Gene: the group most obviously groomed for stardom

ELTON JOHN
Made In England
(Rocket/Mercury 526 185)
WHATEVER Elton John's reasons for embarking on his current round of luridly confessional interviews ("I took cocaine every four minutes" and so forth), reading about his personal excesses is a lot more entertaining than listening to this latest batch of songs. While his lifestyle may have been as wretchedly degenerate as that of any "serious" rock 'n' roller, as a songwriter John's credibility remains stuck on the far side of zero.

Made In England is a predictably stodgy collection whose tone is accurately signposted by the big-production ballad *Believe*, currently drifting down the chart after briefly peaking at No 15.

The arrangements divide into jaunty singalongs (*Lies*, *Pain*, *Made In England*) and overwrought, cartoon epics (*House*, *Cold*). The lyrics, by Bernie Taupin, or just Taupin as he now styles himself, are either sentimental ("Please, please let me grow old with you") or self-pitying ("I had 40 years of pain and nothing to cling on to"), but rarely match the mood of the tune to which they are appended. *Pain*, for instance marries the most desolate lyric of the lot ("Pain is love/Pain is pure/Pain is sickness/Pain is the cure") to a cheerful, romping little riff with faint echoes of *Saturday Night's Alright For Fighting*.

The last straw is *Belfast*, a misguided attempt to empathise with those caught up in the mortal turmoil of Northern Ireland, which simply sounds patronising: "I never saw a braver place, Belfast".

Like so many of our national institutions, John is out of touch and out of time. The best that can be said about *Made In England* is that it is not a collection of duets or cover versions.

CHRIS DUARTE GROUP
Texas Sugar/Strat Magik
(Silvertone ORECD 534)
A SUPER-GIFTED guitarist from Austin, Texas, Chris Duarte combines a youthful outlook with the technical instincts of a blues traditionalist. The title of his group's debut album is a pastiche of *Blood Sugar Sex Magik*, the watershed album by the Red Hot Chili Peppers, and on a sublime version of the old Meters' number, *Just Kissed My Baby*, the trio marries a Stevie Ray Vaughan-style attack with the kind of massive, funk-rock groove that the Chilis delight in.

Played with real flair, and produced by Dennis Herring, whose previous clients include Camper Van Beethoven and Throwing Muses, the album has a raw immediacy which is rarely captured on contemporary blues recordings.

DAVID SINCLAIR

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6	Parklife	Blur (Food)
7	No Need To Argue	Cranberries (Island)
8	The Bends	Radiohead (Parlphone)
9	Galore — The Best Of	Kirsty MacColl (Virgin)
10	Beggar On A Beach Of Gold	Mike & the Mechanics (Virgin)

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FAITH NO MORE
King For A Day — Fool For A Lifetime
(Slash/London 828 560)
AS befits a band so famously given to dizzying extremes of musical and personal behaviour, Faith No More's latest offering is an album crammed with stylistic contradictions.

The barbarous thrash metal riffing of *The Gentle Art Of Making Enemies* rubs shoulders with a striding, jazz-swing saxophone solo in *Star A.D.*; the gently swishing samba of *Caralho Voador* gives way to a writhing, brutalised mess of a song called *Ugly In The Morning*; and the earth-moving sound deployed on *Digging The Grave* is immediately superseded by the mournful, country-rock twang of *Take This Bottle*.

As an album, it lacks coherence, but as a brilliantly executed, bloody-minded exercise in musical lateral thinking, it is unbeatable.

At home with Lauren, margarita and me

Still after that elusive No 1, Kirsty MacColl is the most dangerous of party animals: genius that drinks

She is sitting on the edge of the bath, wrapped in a fake leopardskin coat and squinting quizzically while smoking a cigarette. I am on my hands and knees, throwing up with all the force and natural beauty of Mount Vesuvius.

"Oh, you do remind me of myself when I was your age," Kirsty says, sniffing, then biting on her lower lip to keep from laughing. "Are you sure you're okay? I feel a bit guilty."

"No, I'm perfectly all right — it's just one of those sudden flu bugs brought on by margaritas," I try to say; but it comes out as a rather more, uh, *solid* indictment of my health. I stagger out of the toilet, trying to remember how to walk, and bump into her legs.

"You'll be wanting to wash your hair quite soon," she giggles, tamping out her cigarette and lighting up another one. "When you go to bed, don't lie on your back — you'll choke on your tongue. Thanks for a *lovely* night out" — she giggles again — "see you."



CAITLIN MORAN

I blame it all on Talking Heads. In the sleeve notes to her just-released *Best Of* album, various luminaries pay tribute to Kirsty MacColl's ability to write classic pop songs, her Corybantic vocals and phrasing, her breasts (thank you, Morrissey) and, almost unanimously, her partying prowess. Chris Franz and Tiny Weymouth of Talking Heads wrote: "When you hear these songs of Kirsty's, you're going to want to hang out with her, too." And my fate was sealed. Genius that drinks! Doomed.

"It's probably the very antithesis of rock 'n' roll, but a fairish old whack of what I laughingly refer to as 'my career' is down to two teachers," Kirsty says, pouring out the first of too many margaritas. She ordered food before she sat down — "I know the menu by heart" — and stacked up two packets of Silk Cut and a lighter on the table, so the delay between *wanting* a cigarette and actually *smoking* it should not be more than six and a half seconds. "My English teacher gave free acoustic-guitar lessons after school; and my maths teacher did the same with the electric guitar. I was too poor to buy a guitar, so my English teacher lent me his, which I thought was very sweet, and above and beyond his job description."

She started writing songs when she was 14 and took a succession of scrag-end jobs in order to buy her own guitar. "Problem was, by the time I'd earned enough money to buy the one I wanted, the price had gone up again." A perfectly timed pause. "So that was when I went on the game."

Having written the sweetness and the wonder of *They Don't Know* (as covered by Tracy Ullman) before she was 17, Kirsty signed to a record company that had such acute financial problems it could not afford to put her in a studio, so she started doing guest vocals on friends' records, just to keep her voice in shape — a trend that was to continue through her career. So far, The Pogues, The Wonder Stuff, The Kinks, The Smiths and Happy Mondays have all benefited from the voice that swoops and loops-the-loop with itself like swallows trying to catch moths at dusk. *Fairytale of New York* — that was Kirsty. *Days* with Ray Davies — Kirsty was there. *Hallelujah* by Happy Mondays, the song that kicked off the whole Madchester Scene in earnest — Kirsty's thumbprints are all over the record.

She has written songs with Johnny Marr of The Smiths, and the next single *should* be a languorous version of The Velvet Underground's *Perfect Day* on which she duets beautifully with The Lemonheads' Evan Dando, only "bastard Duran Duran have done a version for their album, so it probably won't be released until 2056. As a tribute to my untimely death".

So Kirsty, I ask, resting my chin on the empty margarita jug, because it is comfortable there and it might stop the terrifying attack of hiccups that has just beset me, why aren't you ridiculously famous? You are one of the most consistent classic pop-song writers of the 20th century, and you have a voice that Dolores from The Cranberries would kill for. Where is the Number One record? *Free World* from the 1989 LP *Kite* should have topped the charts; Radio One should have given *Titanic Days* some on its playlist. Where is the Huge Hit?

"Oh," Kirsty pulls a face, and waves her hands. "Record companies often have a complete inability to get a record in the shop. It's all politics and incompetence. They've done all right by this record, though. Hopefully, by the time I get around to recording the next album, I'll be able to afford that 24-piece orchestra. I think I deserve it by now. Have you got any booze at your house? C'mon, let's go."

An hour later, after we have danced all round the house, I shove my acoustic guitar at her and demand she play all her greatest hits, now.

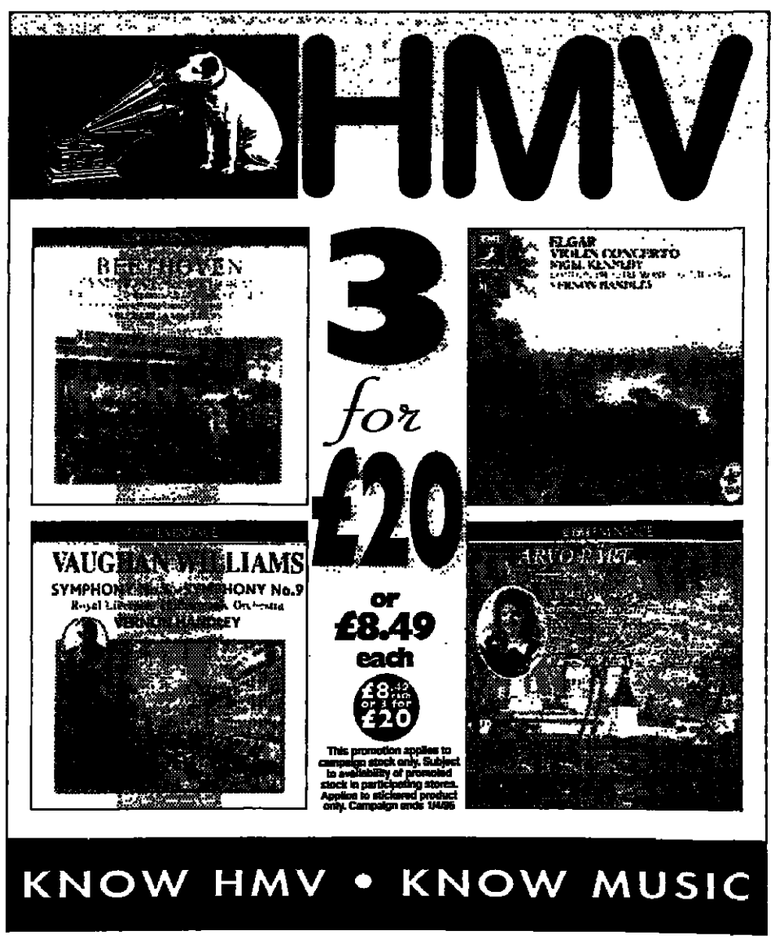
She does.

The Lauren Bacall of pop music, no less.

● *The album,* Galore — The Best of Kirsty MacColl, *is out now on Virgin Records.* Kite, *on Virgin, and* Titanic Days, *on WEA, are also recommended. She tours Britain in May.*



Kirsty MacColl: "It's all politics and incompetence"



Law Report March 17 1995 House of Lords

Children presumed incapable of crime unless contrary is proved

C (a Minor) v Director of Public Prosecutions

Before Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle, Lord Bridge of Harwich, Lord Ackner, Lord Lowry and Lord Browne-Wilkinson

[Speeches March 16]

The rebuttable presumption of doli incapax in children between the ages of 10 and 14 was still an effective doctrine of the criminal law.

The House of Lords allowed an appeal by C from the Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Mann and Mr Justice Laws) (*The Times* March 30, 1994; [1994] 3 WLR 888) who had dismissed the appellant's appeal by way of case stated against his conviction on September 22, 1992 by Liverpool Youth Justices of interfering with a motorcycle with the intent to commit theft or of taking and driving away without consent contrary to section 9(1) of the Criminal Attempts Act 1981.

The point of law of general public importance certified by the Queen's Bench Divisional Court for consideration by the House of Lords was: "Whether there continues to be a presumption that a child between the ages of 10 and 14 is doli incapax and, if so, whether that presumption can only be rebutted by clear positive evidence that he knew that his act was seriously wrong, such evidence not consisting merely in the evidence of the acts amounting to the offence itself."

Mr Geoffrey Robertson, QC and Mr Andrew Nicol for the appellant: Mr Richard Henriques, QC and Mr J. Trevor Parry-Jones for the respondent.

LORD LOWRY said that on June 8, 1992 two policemen saw two boys tampering with a motorcycle parked on the private driveway of a house in Liverpool. The appellant was holding the handlebars while the other boy tried with a crowbar to force open the chain and padlock securing the motorcycle.

The police approached and the boys ran off. One policeman chased the appellant who then climbed over a wall and was arrested by another policeman.

At the end of the prosecution's case the appellant's solicitor submitted that the prosecution had not adduced sufficient evidence to prove that the appellant, who was just under 13 at the time of the offence, had guilty knowledge and knew that what he was doing was seriously wrong as opposed to merely naughty or mischievous.

The justices found that the appellant knew that what he had done was seriously wrong, observing that the damage to the motorcycle was substantial and that the appellant and his accomplice ran from that police, leaving the crowbar behind. They drew from those facts the inference that the appellant "knew he was in serious trouble because he had done something wrong". The justices accordingly convicted the appellant, fined him and bound him over to ensure his future good behaviour.

The question stated for the opinion of the High Court was "whether or not there was any, or sufficient, evidence to justify the finding of fact made by us, that this particular defendant knew that what he was doing was seriously wrong." The Divisional Court of its own motion took the point that it was a matter for consideration whether the presumption of doli incapax had outlived its usefulness and should no longer be regarded as part of the common law.

Delivering what was in fact if not in form the judgment of the court, Mr Justice Laws had said (at p894): "... the cases demonstrate, that if this presumption is to be rebutted, there must be clear positive evidence that the defendant knew his act was seriously wrong, not consisting merely in the evidence of the acts amounting to the offence. On that basis, there having been no such evidence here, this appeal must succeed if the presumption ... remains part of our law."

Having marshalled the arguments against the continued application of the presumption, Mr Justice Laws concluded that it had no utility in the present era and held that the presumption was no longer part of the law of England. The presumption had been discussed in many official reports and had been the background of legislation concerning the age of criminal responsibility.

His Lordship reviewed those reports and continued that a draft Bill entitled *Codification of the Criminal Law* 1985 (Law Com No 143) had called for the abolition of the presumption and to let a child pass from complete criminal responsibility to full responsibility without any intermediate zone.

The Government's response was contained in *Crime, Justice and Protecting the Public* 1990 (Cm 965) which said, at paragraph 8.4: "...between the ages of 10 and 13 a child may only be convicted of a criminal offence if the prosecution can show that he knew that what he did was seriously wrong. The Government does not intend to change these arrangements which make proper allowance for the fact that children's understanding, knowledge and ability to reason are still developing."

His Lordship was convinced by the material which Mr Robertson had put before their Lordships' House which included citations from a number of authoritative textbooks and a long line of cases, most of which were noted in the judgment of Mr Justice Laws, that the presumption was still universally recognised as an effective doctrine which the Government had recently reaffirmed to be part of the criminal law.

The imperfections which had been attributed to that doctrine could not, in his Lordship's view, provide a justification for saying that the presumption was no longer part of English law. To sweep it away under the doubtful auspices of judicial legislation was impracticable.

Mr Robertson had drawn their Lordships' attention to a number of dicta which were calculated to discourage judges from lightly venturing to alter the law. His Lordship referred, inter alia, to *R v Knuller (Publishing, Printing and Promotions) Ltd* ([1973] AC 435) in which Lord Simon of Glaisdale quoted the words of Lord Reid in *Shaw v Director of Public Prosecutions* ([1962] AC 220, 275): "Where Parliament fears to tread, it is not for the courts to rush in."

It was hard, his Lordship said, when discussing the propriety of judicial law-making, to reason conclusively from one situation to another but his Lordship believed that one could find in the authorities some aids to navigation across an uncertainly charted sea:

1 If the solution was doubtful, the judges should beware of imposing their own remedy.

2 Caution should prevail if Parliament had rejected opportunities of clearing up a known difficulty or had legislated, while leaving the difficulty untouched.

3 Disputed matters of social policy were less suitable areas for judicial intervention than purely legal problems.

4 Fundamental legal doctrines should not be lightly set aside.

5 Judges should not make a change unless they could achieve finality and certainty.

His Lordship considered that all those aids, in varying degrees, pointed away from the solution proposed below. His Lordship adopted the speech of Lord Lloyd of Berwick on judicial law-making in *R v Clegg* (*The Times* January 25: [1995] 2 WLR 80).

It was always a worry at any level of adjudication when what was thought to be the law and what was alleged to represent common sense did not appear to coincide, and the presumption had in recent years been the object of some logical and forceful criticisms.

His Lordship went on to consider some of those criticisms and referred to *J.B.H. and J.H. (Minors) v O'Connell* ([1981] Crim LR 632) and *I.P.H. v Chief Constable of South Wales* ([1987] Crim LR 42).

His Lordship then considered the reasons given by Mr Justice Laws for his conclusions in the court below to show that they did not conclude the matter.

1 It was true that there was compulsory education and perhaps children now grew up more quickly but better formal education and earlier sophistication did not guarantee that the child would more readily distinguish right from wrong.

2 While it was true that the presumption was out of step with the general law the general law was not meant to apply without qualification to children under 14.

3 The phrase "seriously wrong" was conceptually obscure but when contrasted with "merely naughty or mischievous" its meaning was reasonably clear.

4 The rule was said to be illogical because the presumption could be rebutted by proof that the child was of normal mental capacity for his age; that led to the conclusion that every child was initially presumed not to be of normal mental capacity for his age, which was absurd.

Proof of mental normality had in practice, understandably but perhaps not always logically, been largely accepted as proof that the child could distinguish right from wrong and form a criminal intent.

The presumption itself was not and never had been completely logical; it provided a benevolent safeguard which evidence could remove. Very little evidence was needed but it had to be adduced as part of the prosecution's case or else there would be no case to answer.

5 The need for the prosecutor to rebut the presumption might give rise to injustice where the rebuttal involved proving previous convictions.

First, one would have to know the nature of the earlier convictions before accepting that they might properly prove a guilty mind in relation to the offence charged.

Second, could the opinion of an earlier court or jury prove the guilty mind vis-à-vis the later charge? If the primary facts were disputed, his Lordship's opinion was that despite *R v B* ([1979] 1 WLR 1150, to which Mr Justice Laws had referred, a child defendant ought not to be put in a worse position than an adult by having evidence of his previous convictions admitted unless they could be admitted under a generally applicable principle, for example, if he had put his character in issue or attacked the character of prosecution witnesses or if the earlier facts came within the similar facts rule.

His Lordship considered *R v B* and continued that if the prosecution's case had sometimes to fail because some or all of the probative evidence could not be given, that was not unique and it had to be borne with fortitude in the interests of fairness to the accused.

6 It had also been said that the rule was divisive because it bore hardly on isolated acts of wrongdoing done by children from "good homes" and also perverse because it absolved children from "bad homes" who were most likely to commit criminal acts.

One answer to that observation was that the presumption contemplated the conviction and punishment of children who, possibly by virtue of their superior upbringing, bore moral responsibility for their action and the exoneration of those who did not.

The Divisional Court's argument provided support for the modern outlook in favour of prescribing suitable treatment for the many children who committed antisocial acts, instead of searching for moral culpability, which should then be visited with retribution.

7 It was then said that the presumption was an outmoded survival from an age in which criminal guilt was inevitably followed by ferocious retribution. But while times had greatly changed since the days when children of eight and 10 years were hanged for offences much less heinous than murder, it should be observed that the purpose and effect of the presumption was still to protect children between 10 and 14 from the full force of the criminal law.

His Lordship turned to the arguments against abolition which Mr Justice Laws had mentioned.

1 The first was that it was the general rule not to alter the law either by statute or by developing the common law so as to render an act punishable in retrospect. His Lordship accepted that an offender when charged could not say "Unfair; when I transgressed, I thought my act was only naughty and not seriously wrong" but, objectively, something which when done was not regarded as a crime would if the court below were right, ultimately turn out to have been one.

2 The second argument was that the presumption was so long standing that it should only be changed by Parliament to which Mr Justice Laws, inter alia, had replied that the common law was not a system of rigid ruled but of principles whose application might alter over time. His Lordship had already endeavoured to demonstrate that that excellent principle could not be applied in the present situation.

3 His Lordship would not expand on the doctrine of judicial precedent which Mr Justice Laws had described (at p897) but could not agree that the court was not bound by the current authority, including those decisions of the Court of Appeal there mentioned.

His Lordship considered that to classify the impugned doctrine as an "unargued premise" which was "simply assumed to apply" took too narrow a view of the doctrine of precedent. The presumption, stated as a rule of law, was the major premise and the facts of each case constituted the minor premise from which jointly the result was to be inferred: see *Lupton v FA & AB Ltd* ([1972] AC 634, 658-659) per Lord Simon of Glaisdale.

The respondent had argued before their Lordships, inter alia, not that the presumption should be swept away but that in recognition of its frailties their Lordships should by judicial intervention effect a change by laying it down that the prosecution's initial burden of showing a prima facie case against a child should be the same as if the accused were an adult but that the child should be able by evidence to raise as a defence the issue that he was doli incapax: it would then be for the prosecution to prove the criminal standard that he was doli capax.

It was clear that as the law stood the Crown had as part of the prosecution's case to show that a child was doli capax before that child could have a case to meet. To call, as the respondent had done, the proposed innovation a merely procedural change greatly understated its radical nature which would not be disguised by continuing to impose the persuasive burden of proof upon the prosecution.

The change would not merely alter the trial procedure but would in effect get rid of the presumption of doli incapax, the existence of which would in practice often prevent a charge from even being brought. That reflection had to be enough to discourage any thought of judicial legislation on the lines proposed.

Clearly then the presumption for better or for worse applied to cases like the present and his Lordship turned to consider what had to be proved in order to rebut the presumption and by what evidence.

Two propositions were clear: the first was that the prosecution had to prove that the child defendant did the act charged and that when doing that act he knew that it was a wrong act as distinct from an act of mere naughtiness or childish mischief. The criminal standard of proof applied. The second proposition was that evidence to prove the defendant's guilty knowledge had not to be the mere proof of the doing of the act charged, however horrifying or obviously wrong that act might be.

The Divisional Court here, assuming that the presumption applied, would have reversed the youth court, rightly in his Lordship's view because there was no evidence outside the commission of the offence upon which one could have found the presumption had been rebutted.

In order to obtain that kind of evidence apart from anything the defendant might have said or done, the prosecution had to rely on interviewing the suspect or having him psychiatrically examined or on evidence from someone who knew the defendant well.

Under section 34 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994, a child defendant's silence when questioned before trial might be the subject of comment if he failed to mention something which was later relied on in his defence which he could reasonably have been expected to mention at the earlier stage but his Lordship did not see how that provision could avail the prosecution on the issue of guilty knowledge.

His Lordship had reached without difficulty the conclusion that both parts of the certified question should be answered "yes". The appeal would be allowed and the case remitted to the High Court in order that it might be sent back to the youth court with a direction to dismiss the charge.

His Lordship believed that the time had come to examine further a doctrine which appeared to have been inconsistently applied and which was certainly capable of producing inconsistent results according to the way in which courts treated the presumption and depending on the evidence to rebut it which was available in each case.

The distinction between the treatment and the punishment of child offenders had popular and political overtones, a fact which showed that their Lordships had been discussing not so much a legal as a social problem, with a dash of politics thrown in, and emphasised that it should be within the exclusive remit of Parliament.

There was a need to study other systems including that which held sway in Scotland: a task for which the courts were not equipped. Whatever change was made, it should come only after collating and considering evidence and taking account of the effect which a change would have on the whole law relating to children's antisocial behaviour. This was a classic case for parliamentary investigation, deliberation and legislation.

Lord Jauncey, Lord Bridge, Lord Ackner and Lord Browne-Wilkinson gave concurring speeches.

Solicitors: R. M. Broudie & Co, Liverpool: Crown Prosecution Service, Headquarters.

Power to ensure contact with non-custodial parent

In re O (a Minor) (Contact: Imposition of conditions)

Before Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Simon Brown and Lord Justice Swinton Thomas

[Judgment March 14]

The court had a wide and comprehensive jurisdiction under sections 8 and 11(7) of the Children Act 1989 to make orders and set conditions which would effectively ensure and facilitate contact between the child and the non-custodial parent.

The Court of Appeal so held when dismissing the mother's appeal against Judge Fox in Hartlepool County Court who had ordered on the father's application that he have indirect contact with his son aged three on the conditions that the mother (i) send him photographs of the child every three months; (ii) send him progress reports when the child began nursery school or playgroup; (iii) inform him of any significant illness and send medical reports; (iv) accept delivery of cards and presents for the child via the public postal service or the Family Court welfare service, and read and show any such communication to the child, and deliver any such present to him.

Mr Giles Pinkney for the mother; Miss Rachel E. Smith for the father.

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS referred to the mother's refusal to cooperate in the direct contact which had previously been ordered and of her reluctance to accept the judge's order for indirect contact.

The judge had referred to the mother's implacable hostility to the concept of contact, which he had described as "irrational repugnance". In seeking to discharge his order she had stated that she made the application because she was not prepared to have any form of contact with the father, direct or indirect.

His Lordship rejected the argument advanced to the judge, and repeated on the appeal, that the court had no jurisdiction to attach the conditions to the order.

There was no ambiguity in section 8(1) of the 1989 Act which defined a contact order as one requiring the custodial parent to allow the child to visit or stay with the person named in the order or for that person and the child otherwise to have contact with each other.

Section 11(7) conferred a wide and comprehensive power on the court to make orders which would be effective to ensure contact between the child and the non-custodial parent when to do so was judged to promote the welfare of the child.

Welfare of the child was the paramount consideration: see section 1(1) of the 1989 Act. The court was concerned with the interests of the mother and the father only in so far as they bore on the child's welfare.

Where parents were separated and the child was in the day-to-day care of one of them, it was almost always in the child's interests to have contact with the other parent.

The court had power to enforce orders for contact which it should not hesitate to exercise when it judged that it would overall promote the child's welfare to do so.

Cases did infrequently and unhappily arise where the court was compelled to conclude that an order for immediate direct contact should not be made because to do so would injure the child's welfare: see *In re D (a Minor) (Contact: Mother's hostility)* ([1993] 2 FLR 1, 7-8) where it was expressed to pose a serious risk of major emotional harm.

Courts should not at all readily accept that direct contact would be injurious to the child's welfare, and should take the medium and long-term view, not according excessive weight to what might appear likely to be short-term transient problems.

Neither parent should be encouraged or permitted to think that the more intransigent, unreasonable, obdurate and uncooperative they were the more likely they were to get their own way.

Courts should remember that they were dealing with parents who were adults, were to be treated as rational, and were to be assumed to have the child's welfare at heart, and who had once been close enough to each other to have produced the child. It would be well if parents also bore those points in mind.

Where direct contact could not for the time being be ordered, it was ordinarily highly desirable that there should be indirect contact. That called for a measure of restraint and unselfishness by both parents.

It was entirely reasonable that the custodial parent should be obliged to report on the child's progress to the absent parent, for the obvious reason that the absent parent could not correspond in any meaningful way if unaware of the child's activities. Of course judges should not impose duties which parents could not realistically be expected to perform.

His Lordship rejected the mother's argument that the court had no power to compel her to read the father's communications to the child, and he disagreed with Mr Justice Wall in *In re M (a Minor) (Contact: Conditions) (The Times* November 10, 1993; [1994] 1 FLR 274) who had said that such an order should not be made unless the mother consented and willingly undertook the task.

In his Lordship's judgment that was tantamount to saying that the mother's witholding of consent was sufficient to defeat the court's power to make the order.

In further disagreement with the judgment in *In re M*, his Lordship did not consider that the judge should have limited the condition that the father should write to the child by a "not more than" formula. It was undesirable to place unnecessary limitations. There was no trace that the father wrote excessively and no reason to impose such a limitation.

His Lordship rejected the mother's submission that it was wrong in principle to compel her to read the father's communications when she was unwilling and hostile to such contact.

That would mean that the mother was to be given a power of veto. She was subject to an enforceable duty to promote contact if the court considered that that promoted the child's welfare: that was a decision for the court, not for her.

His Lordship also rejected the mother's argument, in reliance on *In re M* that her obligation to read the father's communications to the child should be subject to a right of censorship: see ([1994] 1 FLR 274, 281B and 284E).

His Lordship disagreed with Mr Justice Wall's view. The communications should be read unless they contained offensive material. If an absent parent abused the situation, the remedy was to be exercised by the court in curtailing the order.

Although the question of progress reports did not arise here, his Lordship regarded Mr Justice Wall's statement (at p284D), that the court had no jurisdiction to impose such a condition by way of a contact order, was inaccurate.

His Lordship concluded that the court plainly had ample power under sections 8 and 11(7), as a necessary means of facilitating contact, to require the mother to comply with the conditions set by the judge to promote meaningful contact with the father. He would dismiss the appeal.

Lord Justice Simon Brown agreed and Lord Justice Swinton Thomas delivered a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Turner & Morgan, Hartlepool; Jamesons, Peterlee.

Obligation of disclosure on close companies

Earlspring Properties Ltd v Guest (Inspector of Taxes)

Before Lord Justice Balcombe, Lord Justice Evans and Lord Justice Waite

[Judgment March 8]

The obligation on a close company under section 10 of the Taxes Management Act 1970 was not limited to notice to the Inland Revenue that it was a close company but also that it was, or might be, chargeable to tax under section 286 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970.

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an appeal by Earlspring Properties Ltd against so much of an order by Mr Justice Vinelott (*The Times* May 28, 1993), as refused to quash determinations under section 88 of the Taxes Management Act 1970 in the sum of £5,376.28 for the year ended March 31, 1984 and in the sum of £3,455.35 for the year ended March 31, 1985.

Section 10 of the Taxes Management Act 1970 provides: "(1) Every company which is chargeable to corporation tax for any accounting period and which has not made a return of its profits for that accounting period shall not later than one year after the end of that accounting period give notice to the inspector that it is so chargeable."

Mr David Ewart for the taxpayer: Mr Launcelot Henderson for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE BALCOMBE said that it had been submitted, inter alia, on behalf of the taxpayer company that "chargeable" in section 10 was to be read in contradistinction to "liable".

It was said that every individual was chargeable to income tax, regardless as to whether or not he had any income for the year in question, and had to give notice under section 7 of the Taxes Management Act 1970: that every company was chargeable to corporation tax, regardless as to whether it made any profits for the relevant accounting period, and had to give notice under section 10 of the Taxes Management Act 1970.

So, it was submitted, every close company was chargeable to tax under section 286 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970, regardless as to whether or not it had made any loans to participators or their associates during the relevant accounting period, and had to give notice of the fact that it was a close company under section 10. But that that was the extent of its obligation to give notice.

That submission would, if correct, have such far reaching and extraordinary results that his Lordship's initial instinct was to reject it. Fortunately, counsel for the Revenue had been able to demonstrate the fallacy in the submission. He drew attention to section 527(1) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970 and to the definition there of "source of income": "a source of income is 'within the charge to' corporation tax or income tax if that tax was chargeable on the income arising from it, or would be so chargeable if there were any such income, and references to a person, or to income, being within the charge to tax, shall be similarly construed."

That definition made it clear that "chargeable" to tax was synonymous with "liable" to tax. A person or company might however be "within the charge of tax" if he or it would be liable, if there were any income.

Lord Justice Evans delivered a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Waite agreed.

Solicitors: Stafford Young Jones; Solicitor, Inland Revenue.

Solicitors fell below standard

Boston & Co v Roberts

Solicitors who accepted a bare guarantee with no protection and with no security of costs, where there was a clear and obvious foreseeable risk of the guarantor not meeting his liability for costs, fell below the standard expected of reasonably competent litigation solicitors when they could have obtained a secured guarantee.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Simon Brown and Lord Justice Henry, Lord Justice Ward dissenting) so held on February 10 when dismissing the appeal of Martin Boston & Co, from the dismissal by Mr Recorder Williams at Central London County Court of their claim against Robert Roberts, a chartered surveyor, and others, for the unpaid balance of a number of bills for costs submitted by them.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

APPLICATION FOR A PRIVATE ELECTRICITY LICENCE IN SCOTLAND

Take notice that NORWEB plc has applied for a Private Electricity Supply Licence in the following terms:

1. Full name of the applicant
NORWEB plc
2. Address of the applicant or, in the case of a body corporate, the Registered or Principal Office.
Talbot Road
Manchester M16 0HQ
3. Where the applicant is a Company, the full names of the current Directors and the Company's Registered Number.
Kenneth George Harvey, Malcolm George Faulkner, Peter McTague, Alec Simmons, Brian Joseph Wilson, Thomas Booth, Sir Alan Cockshaw, John Green-Armytage, Peter Salsbury
Registered Number: 2366949
4. Where a holding of 20 per cent. or more of the shares of an applicant is held by a body corporate or partnership or an unincorporated association carrying on a trade or business with or without a view to profit, the name(s) and address(es) of the holder(s) of such shares shall be provided.
Not applicable
5. Desired date from which the licence is to take effect
1 April 1995
6. A sufficient description adequately specifying the nature and situation of the premises intended to be supplied, separately identifying premises within the power bands in and to the extent provided by paragraph 7 below.
All premises, other than those which, during the franchise period, have a maximum demand at or less than the franchise limit, in the authorised areas of the following Public Electricity Supply companies, together with such premises as may, from time to time be specified by the Director (with the approval of the Secretary of State) for the purposes of paragraph 5 of Condition 7 of this Licence:
Scottish Hydro-Electric plc; Scottish Power plc
7. (a) Subject to sub-paragraph (b) indicate the total number of premises intended to be supplied in each power band as shown in the table below, together with the aggregate energy forecast to be supplied and the aggregate estimated maximum demand for each power band.

PowerBand	Number of Premises	Aggregate Maximum Demand	Energy (GWH) to be Supplied
(A) Not exceeding 0.1MW	None		
(B) Exceeding 0.1MW but not exceeding 1.0MW			

(b) If the date in paragraph 5 above is on or after 1 April 1994 then only Power Band A shall be completed and if the said date is on or after 1 April 1998 then this paragraph shall cease to have effect.
8. A description of the system of electric lines and electrical plant by means of which the applicant intends to supply electricity indicating which plant and lines are to be constructed and which are existing plant and lines, and further identifying any parts of that system which will not be owned or otherwise in the possession or control of the applicant.
Lines and plant owned by:
Scottish Hydro-Electric plc; Scottish Power plc
9. A statement of extent (if any) to which the applicant considers it necessary for powers under Schedule 3 (compulsory acquisition of land etc) and under Schedule 4 (other powers etc) to the Act to be given through the licence for which he is applying. Those powers are sought in order to avoid undue delay should their exercise be reasonably necessary in order to enable supply to be provided to a customer.
10. Details of any interest held, applied for or being applied for by the applicant in respect of the generation, transmission or supply of electricity.

Held: Public Electricity Supply Licence
Private Electricity Supply Licence England and Wales

Copies of maps relevant to this application have been lodged in accordancewith Regulation 6 of the Electricity (Applications for Licences and Extensions of Licences) Regulations 1990 at Regional Offices of the Office of Electricity Regulation. Copies are available for inspection by the public between 10.00am and 4.00pm on any working day.

P J Rothwell
Company Secretary

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15 March 1995
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LEGAL NOTICES

The Insolvency Act 1986
COMPTON SOUTHWAY LTD
Formerly Unique Sound Ltd

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at Langley House, Park Road, East Finchley, London, N2 8EX on Friday 24th March 1995 at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99 to 101 of the said Act.
Creditors wishing to vote at the Meeting must lodge their proxy, together with a full statement of account at the registered office - Langley House, Park Road, East Finchley, London N2 8EX not later than 12 noon on the day prior to the Meeting of Creditors.
For the purposes of voting, a secured creditor is required (unless he surrenders his security) to lodge at Langley House, Park Road, East Finchley, London, N2 8EX before the meeting, a statement giving particulars of security, the date when it was given and the value at which it is assessed.
Notice is further given that a list of the names and addresses of the Company's creditors may be inspected, free of charge, at Langley House, Park Road, East Finchley, London, N2 8EX between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the date of the meeting stated above.
Dated this 13th March 1995
By Order of the Board
N D SHAH, Director

ANTRAM PEMBERTON PROPERTIES LIMITED
Company No. 2292092
NOTICE is hereby given that:

(a) At an Extraordinary General Meeting of the above named Company held on the 13th day of March 1995 a Special Resolution was duly passed that a payment of £98,350 out of the Company's capital (as defined in Sections 171 and 172 of the Companies Act 1985) in respect of the purchase by the Company from Miss S. Hamilton, Mr. S.N. Powell, Mr E.L. Levine, Ms. M.G. Phillips, Mr. A. Romanini, Mr. P. Darwin, Mr. and Mrs. L. Young, Mr. K.J.K. Gray, Mrs. J. Johnston, Mr. P. Johnston, Mrs. G.M. McArthur, Ms. B.V.F. Leake, Mr. D.A. Sharp, Mr. A.H. Gordon, Mr. A. Brindley, Mr. C. Pemberton, Ms. S. Smith and Mrs. C. Snellgrove.

(b) The amount of the permissible capital payment as defined by Sections 171 and 172 of the Companies Act 1985 was £156,850.

(c) The Statutory Declaration and Auditors' report required by Section 173 of the Companies Act 1985, both of which are dated the 7th day of March 1995 was available for inspection at the registered office of the Company at Norwood House, 9 Dyke Road, Brighton, East Sussex, BN1 3FE and

(d) Any creditor of the Company may apply to the High Court under Sections 176 and 177 of the Companies Act 1985 within the period of five weeks immediately following the 13th day of March 1995 for an Order prohibiting the payment.

Dated: 17th March 1995

CHEVENING LIMITED
(Formerly THE NATIONAL LIGHTING COMPANY LIMITED)
The Insolvency Act 1986. In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, Peter S Dunn FCA, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Latham Crossley & Davis, 7 Kenrick Place, London, W1H 3FF was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the Creditors on 10th February 1995. Dated this 10th February 1995 PETER S.DUNN FCA. Liquidator

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
LAKEBRAND LIMITED.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 6th April 1995 at The Old Bakery, Lower Green, Rowland Royston, Herts. SG8 5EA at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said act. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington FIPA. of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98 (2) (a) of the said Act who will furnish creditors, free of charge, with such information concerning the Company's affairs as they may reasonably require. DATED this 14th day of March 1995. BY ORDER OF THE BOARD D.E. BUTLER DIRECTOR.

THE JEWELLERY SHOP LIMITED
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986.
In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, Peter S Dunn FCA, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Latham Crossley & Davis, 7 Kenrick Place, London W1H 3FF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the Creditors on 14th March 1995. DATED THIS 14TH MARCH 1995. Peter S Dunn FCA Liquidator.

CANADIAN PACIFIC LIMITED
At a meeting of the Board of Directors held today a quarterly dividend of eight cents (8c) Canadian per share on the outstanding Ordinary Shares was declared, payable on April 28, 1995 to holders of record at the close of business on March 27, 1995. BY ORDER OF THE BOARD. D.J. DEEGAN VICE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY CALGARY, ALTA, MARCH 13 1995.

TRUSTEE ACTS

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to s27 of the TRUSTEE Act, 1925 that any person having a CLAIM against or an INTEREST in the ESTATE of any of the deceased person's whose names, addresses and descriptions are set out below is hereby required to send particulars in writing of his claim or interest to the person or persons mentioned in relation to the deceased person concerned before the date specified, after which date the estate of the deceased will be distributed by the personal representatives among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice.
LYNVAL GONGA. DECEASED
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 27 of the Trustee Act 1925 that any person having a claim against all interests in the estate of Lynval Gonga, deceased late of 17 Heathview Road Thornton Heath Surrey who died on the 8th day of October 1993 is hereby required to send particulars in writing of his or her claim or interest to the undersigned and to send such particulars not later than two months from the date hereof after which date the Personal Representatives will distribute the estate amongst the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims and interest of which they have had notice and will not as respect the property so distributed be liable to any person of whose claim they shall not then have had a notice.
Date 17 March 1995
LAURIE MORAN ARTHUR
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Solicitors on behalf of the Personal Representative

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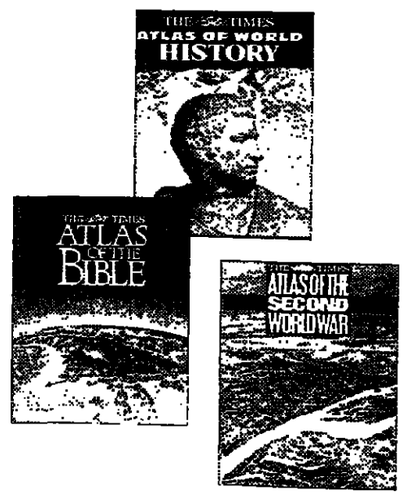
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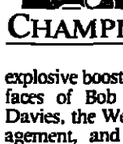
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Llanelli stalwart returns to provide inspirational touch

Welsh elder statesman eager for final fling



Gerald Davies looks at the player Wales have recalled in an effort to recapture their winnings ways

After Wales' ineffectual game against Scotland a fortnight ago, the Welsh selectors had a long session to determine what to do next. Last season's champions are suddenly three matches down with one to go: not only the wooden spoon but a whitewash is in prospect. Things have gone desperately wrong.

They will have concluded that a little fiddling with one or two positions was all that was necessary; that any changes in personnel would not necessarily be on the basis of physical skill alone. He, or they, would have to provide something extra. Morale was low; someone had to give this an explosive boost. To observe the faces of Bob Norster, Alan Davies, the Welsh team management, and Ieuan Evans, the captain, at the press conference after the Scotland match was to understand how low their spirits had sunk.

FIVE NATIONS' CHAMPIONSHIP



The commendable quality throughout their tenure in charge of the Welsh team has been their consistent genial good humour. There was none at Murrayfield.

In the circumstances, it was inevitable that Phil Davies would return to the second row against Ireland at Cardiff Arms Park, tomorrow in the five nations' championship. He inspires players around him by his appetite for rugby and, being an elder statesmen, which puts him slightly above the fray, he is able to encourage others. Players respect and respond to him.

He is now, with 46 caps, the record-holder for a Welsh forward. He passed the previous record of 41, held by Graham Price, on Wales' tour to the South Seas last summer. Had injuries not intervened, he might have had more.

He has played for Wales in three positions. He began against England at No 8 in 1985. In the 1988-89 season he was moved further forward in the engine-room to play at lock. If he saw a certain logic to that shift, which proved so successful that he was voted Welsh player of the year, he did not view his selection in 1990 on the flank in the same light. He felt uncomfortable and consequently did not stay long at No 6.

At over 17st and, so the programme notes say, 6ft 4in he is a pretty hefty fellow. Standing next to him he does not seem to measure up to the programme statistic. If he does not then he makes up for any apparent shortfall in height with his enthusiasm, energy and perceptive footballing brain. It is these latter qualities that have ensured his recall to the team for the first time this championship season after last playing against Italy in the qualifying round of the World Cup.

If he is a good support player he is even more effective when the ball is in his hands. In addition, if Derwyn Jones, the man he replaces, has been made to look a little raw and short of street wisdom in the hurly-burly of the lineout, then Davies is unlikely to prove so green. Jones, having started well in each of his four international matches to date, has faded when the opposition have managed to adapt their tactics to counteract his 6ft 10in. Davies, on the other hand, can think his way out of such difficulties.

"There is a lot on this game, but I don't feel any pressure," Davies said. "I've been there and done that, as they say. All I want to do is to perform at my best."

He is aware that more than this is expected of him. "Of course I want to play my natural game as a ball-playing forward," he said, "to be seen running in broken play. But I also see that the players need some geeing up. I need to provide the kind of momentum which has been lacking this season compared to last season. I need to make an impression on the players and to enthuse them, as well as on the game overall."

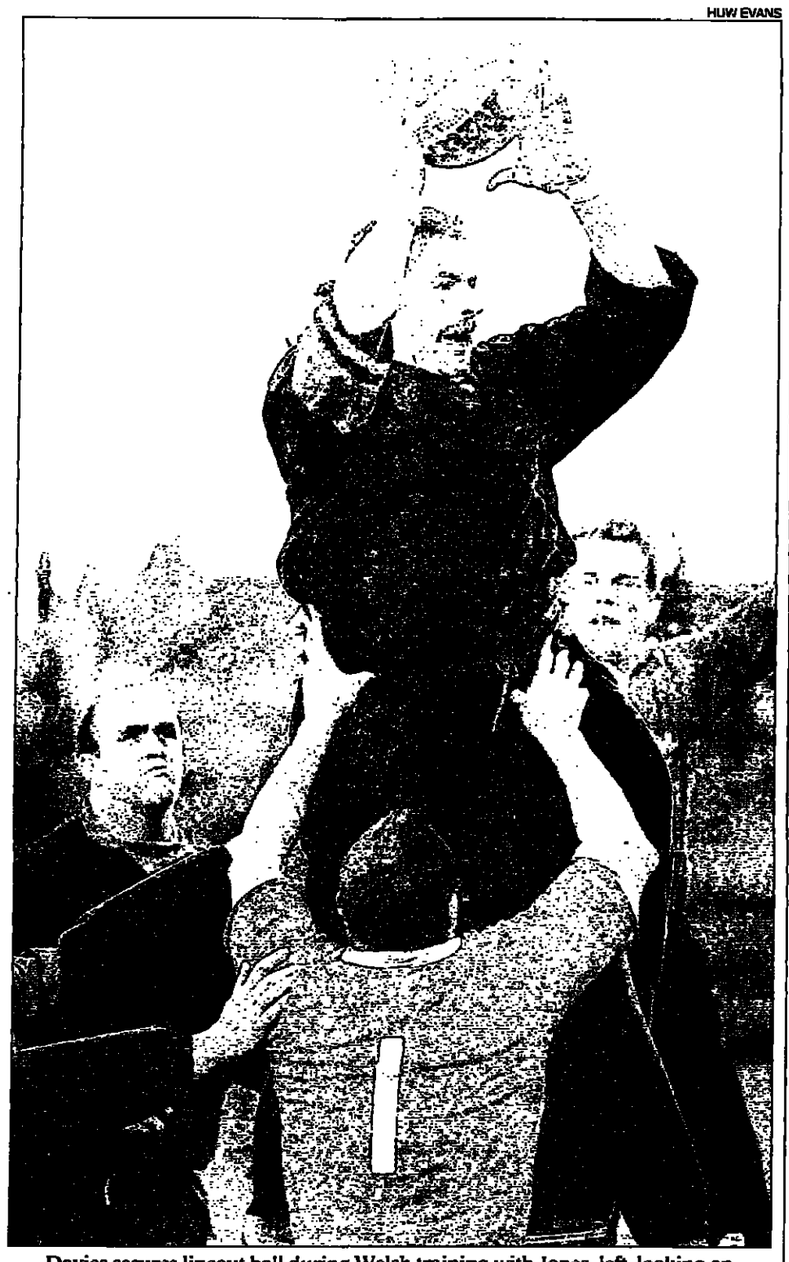
He is capable of making his own decisions in the way that so many Welsh players appear not to be. If the ball goes away from him in the lineout he can cause an impact elsewhere. The Welsh scrummage, for instance, in losing John Davies and Ricky Evans at prop, has missed a consolidating continuity and will be shored up by the bulky and reassuring presence of Davies tomorrow.

But he is not going to be around, he said, for the international matches next year, although he will continue to play for his club.

The high point in his try-scoring career — 75 in more than 300 appearances for Llanelli — was the one he scored in a 70-metre Barbarians movement against England. Farr-Jones, Charvet, Rush and Campese handled before Davies crossed the line.

Would that Wales were able to take a leaf out of that book. Referred to as Wales' good-luck charm in the international programme pen picture, perhaps Davies might provide the special magic to inspire his country to do so.

HUW EVANS



Davies secures lineout ball during Welsh training with Jones, left, looking on

Paris and Ajax give light at the end of the tunnel

By Rob Hughes
Football Correspondent

PERHAPS, after all, football's winter will yet yield an enlightened spring and a European Cup final between Paris Saint-Germain and Ajax of Amsterdam. Neither is in the final yet and each faces, in AC Milan and Bayern Munich respectively, teams of greater resources in the semi-finals, but the performance of the Parisian team in eliminating Barcelona on Wednesday night clearly showed that, with pace, vivacity and, unusually for the French, considerable fighting spirit, things are changing, while Ajax, a new Dutch flowering of youth and belief, are rampant.

There is little to compare in the English game with the full body of craft, fluency of movement and assiduous use of subtle acceleration that was unleashed by Saint-Germain. They now meet the pragmatists of Milan over two legs, but whether Fabio Capello's European champions can put a tourniquet around the adventure of their challengers only the events of April 5 and 19 will answer.

In David Ginola, the French team have a forward in his prime. He is 28, a rounded personality in the mould of Klinsmann and has Brazilian flair to feed on from the rejuvenated Rai, the tricky Valdo and, when fit, the solid sweeper, Ricardo. A fourth option, George Weah, from Liberia, adds finishing of a quite unorthodox style.

The Dutch team, whose schooling ground for youngsters draws world acclaim, are not averse to enlisting help from overseas either. Their opening goal in an easy 3-0 victory over Hajduk Split came from a boy of barely 18. Nwankó Kanu was plucked by Ajax out of his nursery club, Kuanyanou, before his sixteenth birthday. Kuanyanou is in Nigeria, Kanu's homeland and an English-speaking country. While Manchester United are already out of this competition, Ajax, the club with the best nursery in the game, has nevertheless searched for fresh talent in Africa. That may say something about a changing world.

☐ Fifa, football's world governing body, yesterday decided not to hold the world youth championships in Nigeria because of security reasons.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Thorburn advances despite mistakes

CLIFF THORBURN squandered two gilt-edged opportunities to record a comfortable victory before finally beating Tony Drago, of Malta, 5-4 in the quarter-finals of the Kloster Thailand Open snooker tournament in Bangkok last night (Phil Yates writes). The former world champion, from Canada, who has fallen to 54th in the world rankings after four miserable seasons, contained Drago in the early stages but missed a red when bridging awkwardly in the sixth frame and another elementary red to a middle pocket in the seventh frame to allow Drago to recover and level at 4-4.

Thorburn, who has a recent history of defeats from seemingly unassailable positions, appeared vulnerable, but the deciding frame — a scrappy affair lasting 51 minutes — went to Thorburn after a yellow-to-blue clearance completed with a brave double to a middle pocket. Thorburn meets Ronnie O'Sullivan, of England, the tournament favourite, today.

Runggaldier celebrates

SKIING: Peter Runggaldier, of Italy, secured the World Cup super giant slalom title by finishing second in a race in Bormio, Italy, yesterday. Richard Kröll, of Austria, the 24th and final competitor on the course, stole a little of the Italian's thunder when he came through to claim a surprise race victory in 1min 37.37sec, beating Runggaldier by 0.42sec. Also in Bormio, Katja Seizinger, of Germany, retained her World Cup super giant slalom title with a victory in the women's race.

Wright is on course

BADMINTON: England's best hopes of an All England title, Joanne Wright and Julie Bradbury, needed only 25 minutes to reach the quarter-finals of the championships at the National Indoor Arena in Birmingham yesterday (Richard Eaton writes). Wright and Bradbury swept aside Carolien Glebbeek and Brenda Conijn, of Holland, 15-3, 15-0. Earlier, Wright and Nick Ponting continued their defence of the mixed doubles title with a 15-4, 15-12 win over Michael Sogaard and Ann Jorgensen, from Denmark.

Salim ban extended

CRICKET: The suspension of Salim Malik, the Pakistan captain, has been extended. Arif Ali Khan Abbasi, a Pakistani official, said that Salim had replied to bribery charges made against him and that legal advice was now awaited. Salim, who was accused by the Australia internationals, Shane Warne and Tim May, of offering them bribes during a tour of Pakistan last year, has denied the charges, saying the allegations were based on hearsay. "I am disappointed with the cricket authorities," he said.

England's hopes rise

BOWLS: England beat Ireland 123-100 yesterday to strengthen their hopes of regaining the British indoor team title at the home international series in Nottingham (David Rhys Jones writes). David Ward and Gary Smith both skipped their rinks to wins of ten shots, while John Bell felt his 22-14 victory over Sammy Allen's rink did his team little justice. Wynne Richards's 19-13 reverse at the hands of David Corkill was England's only defeat.

Army's sights on title

HOCKEY: The Army will retain the services' hockey title if they draw with the Royal Air Force today (Sydney Friskin writes). Despite an improved performance by the Royal Navy, the holders beat them 4-1 at Cannock yesterday. Two quick goals from Wood made amends for Jennings's early penalty miss and, although Moseley replied with a well-taken goal for the Navy, Jennings restored the Army's two-goal lead soon afterwards. Gall completed the scoring.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, Bridge Correspondent

Yesterday I discussed in the refresher column the uses of the Rule of Eleven. East's decision on today's hand shows a simple example of its use.

Dealer North — **Love all. Match-pointed pairs**

	♠Q2 ♥K983 ♦1097 ♣9872	
♠AK876 ♥A54 ♦86 ♣J65	N W E S	♠10953 ♥Q6 ♦542 ♣KQ103
	♠J4 ♥J1072 ♦AKQJ3 ♣A4	

Contract: 1NT by South. Opening lead: Seven of spades

South opened a strong 1NT, on a less than ideal shape. However players often open 1NT for its pre-emptive effect. Here it kept East-West out of their spade fit.

If you are leading from AKxxx and have no side entry, it is undoubtedly correct to lead low against No-Trumps. But in this case as West has the ace of hearts in addition, it would have been better to start with the ace. In this instance the defence are able to cash the whole spade suit, and provided they then switch to clubs they will take 1NT one off.

In practice West led the seven of spades, going to the nine and jack. On the run of the diamonds West discarded two hearts and a club, and now the declarer led a low heart. After winning the ace, West continued with the ace and king of spades. East further improved South's good result by playing the three and five. Now the spade suit was blocked, and so the defence only came to four tricks.

How should East know to unblock the spades (i.e., play the ten on the second or third round)? One way is by using the Rule of Eleven. His partner led the seven; seven from eleven leaves four, so there were four cards higher than the seven between dummy, East and the declarer. After the first trick East could see all of them - the queen in dummy, his ten and nine, and the jack from the declarer. Hence his partner must hold all the others, and he could have saved a little from the wreckage by unblocking.

KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

Shirov's advance

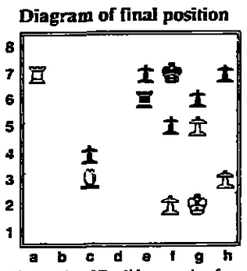
In the Linares tournament, the strongest annual competition in the world, the Latvian Grandmaster, Alexei Shirov has advanced to third, defeating the early leader, the Bulgarian Grandmaster Veselin Topalov, in a complicated game.

White: Alexei Shirov
Black: Veselin Topalov
Linares, March 1995
Benko Gambit

1	d4	Nf6
2	c4	c5
3	d5	b5
4	cxb5	a6
5	bxa6	g6
6	Nc3	Bxa6
7	e4	Bxf1
8	Kxf1	d6
9	g3	Bg7
10	Kg2	Nbd7
11	Nf3	0-0
12	Re1	Qa5
13	h3	Rfb8
14	e5	dxe5
15	Nxe5	Nxe5
16	Rxe5	Rb7
17	Qe2	Qd8
18	a4	Ne8
19	Re3	Bd4
20	Rd3	Nf6
21	Be3	Rb4
22	Rad1	Qb6
23	Qf3	Rd8
24	R1d2	Kg7
25	Re2	Rd7
26	Bf4	Rxb2
27	e5	Qb4
28	Rxb2	Qxb2
29	Na4	Qb5
30	Nb6	Ra7
31	Bd2	Qa6
32	g4	Nd7
33	Rb3	Ne5
34	Qe4	Nc4
35	Nxc4	Qxc4
36	Rf3	f6
37	g5	f5
38	Qe6	Qa6
39	Rb3	Qxe6
40	dxe6	c4
41	Rb4	Rc7
42	a6	Rc6
43	a7	Bxa7
44	Bc3+	Kf8
45	Rb7	Rb6
46	Rc7	Rxe6
47	Rxa7	Kf7

Black resigns

Diagram of final position



Alexander Khalifman, the former Russian Grandmaster now resident in Germany, also improved his standing with two rounds to go by despatching a back-marker, Vladimir Akopian from Armenia.

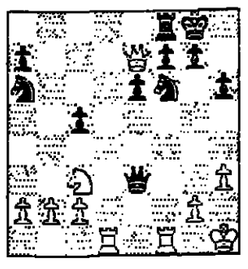
Las Palmas

The PCA Qualifying final between Gata Kamsky (US) and Viswanathan Anand (India) remains level after game six also ended in a draw. A further six games remain to be played. The winner faces Garry Kasparov in Cologne over September and October this year for the world title in a match where the loser's purse alone amounts to half a million dollars.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Lesiege - Norwood, Bermuda 1995. How did White make the most of his open lines and the generally unco-ordinated state of the black pieces?



Solution, page 36

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

KANTELE
a. A musical instrument
b. An African language
c. A small fishing boat

HORNSWOGGLE
a. A folk dance
b. The hunting of wild boar
c. To get the better of, bamboozle

NIM
a. A Japanese prayer mat
b. A two-player game
c. To skin alive

MAVRONE
a. An exclamation of sorrow
b. A Romanian writer
c. Incompetent, useless

Answers on page 36

FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

LIBERTADORES CUP: First round: Group one, Cerro 0 Penarol 2. Group three: Universidad Catolica 2 Universidad de Chile 0. Millonarios 2 Atletico Nacional 0.

Late results on Wednesday

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS CUP: Quarter-finals, second legs: IFK Gothenburg 2 Bayern Munich 2 (agg 2-2, Bayern win on away goals). Ajax 3 Hajduk Split 0 (agg 3-0). Paris Saint-Germain 2 Barcelona 1 (agg 3-2). Benfica 0 AC Milan 0 (agg 0-2)

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Everton 1 Man City 1, Leicester 1 Leeds 3, Man Utd 0 Tottenham 0. QPR 2 Norwich 0, Southampton 1 West Ham 1

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First division: Derby 4 Burnley 0, Portsmouth 3 Millwall 2, Swindon 1 Sunderland 0, West Brom 2 Wolves 0. Second division: Brighton 0 Cardiff 0

VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Gateshead 0 Stalybridge 0

UNIBOND NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Horwich 0 Guiseley 2. First division: Altrincham 1 Warrington 1, Congleton 0 Bamber Bridge 1; Radcliffe 3 Ashton 3

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division, Cambridge City 4 Trowbridge 0, Corby 1 VS Rugby 0. Southern division: Fareham 2 Newport IoW 0; Salisbury 2 Braintree 1.

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Chesham 0 Kingstonian 5, Enfield 3 Purfleet 1. Third division: Colne Row 2 Hertford 0

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Ebbw Vale 1 Llanelli 2, Llansantffraid 2 Ton Pentre 2

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Oxford Utd 2 Arsenal 1; Wimbledon 1 Luton 1. Second division: Bath 5 Yeovil 2, Cardiff 0 Birmingham 3; Exeter 5 Cheltenham 3, Plymouth 3 Hereford 0, Torquay 4 Swansea 2

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE. First division: Blackburn 2 Man Utd 2; Nottingham Forest 1 Tranmere 4; Stoke 2 Notts County 3. Second division: Huddersfield 2 Bradford 2, Hull 1 Mansfield 1, Middlesbrough 0 Newcastle 0, Oldham 1 Man City 0

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Consett 4 Hebburn 1, Seaham Red Star 2 Gusborough 1, Whitby 4 Shildon 0

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bideford 0 Elmore 1; Torrington 2 Credition 0

INTERLINK EXPRESS MIDLAND ALLIANCE: Stapenhill 2 West Midlands Police 0.

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Soham 0 Hadleigh 2, Sudbury 3 Harwich and Parkeston 3

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division, Downton 1 AFC Lymington 2, Gosport 0 Brockenhurst 1; Ryde Sports 0 Wimborne 1

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Football League: Premier division: Shelfield 1 Pickering 4.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Second division: Reading 0 Bristol 0

BOWLS

NOTTINGHAM: Home international indoor series: England bt Wales 134-132 (rink scores, England skips first, A Allcock 19 J Price 16, J Bell 15 R Weale 27, G Smith 21 P Rowlands 23, A Thomson 24 J Greenslade 25, W Richards 26 S Rees 25, D Ward 30 M Prosser 16); Scotland bt Ireland 118-95 (rink scores, Scotland skips first, R Corsie 22 S Moran 15, W Wood 14 S Allen 14, A Marshall 23 G McClay 20, R McCullough 22 N Graham 17; A Blair 17 D Corkill 12, R Provan 18 R McCune 17); England bt Ireland 123-100 (rink scores, England skips first, W Richards 13 D Corkill 19, D Ward 27 R McCune 17, A Allcock 17 S Moran 17, J Bell 22 S Allen 14, G Smith 23 G McCloy 13, A Thomson 21 N Graham 20)

EQUESTRIANISM

'S-HERTOGENBOSCH, Holland: World Cup show jumping event: Indoor Brabant Prize, 1 P Geerink (Holl), LBH Jolly Roger; 2 P Ravmakers (Holl), Visa Rinnetou 2; 3, E Magnen (fra), FAN La Bamba.

CRICKET

WEST INDIES v AUSTRALIA
Fourth one-day international

ST VINCENT: West Indies beat Australia by seven wickets and lead five-match series 3-1.

Late results on Wednesday

AUSTRALIA

M J Slater b Arthurton	68
†M A Taylor c Simmons b Walsh	3
M E Waugh c Murray b Benjamin	26
D C Boon b Arthurton	33
S R Waugh c Arthurton b Simmons	25
G S Blewett b Drakes	4
*I A Healy c Simmons b Walsh	12
P R Reiffel c Murray b Walsh	9
S K Warne not out	6
C J McDermott run out	11
G D McGrath not out	1
Extras (lb 5, w 6, nb 1)	12
Total (9 wkts, 48 overs)	210

FALL OF WICKETS 1-5, 2-57, 3-130, 4-137, 5-152, 6-171, 7-190, 8-190, 9-209

BOWLING Ambrose 8-0-22-0; Walsh 8-0-30-3, Benjamin 7-0-32-1, Drakes 7-0-36-1; Arthurton 10-0-45-2; Simmons 7-0-40-1.

WEST INDIES

P V Simmons c Healy b Warne	86
S I Campbell st Healy b Warne	20
J C Adams b McGrath	3
C L Hooper not out	60
K L T Arthurton not out	22
Extras (b 2, lb 10, w 4, nb 1)	17
Total (3 wkts, 43.1 overs)	208

B C Lara, †J R Murray, W K M Benjamin, V C Drakes, C E L Ambrose and *C A Walsh did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS. 1-47, 2-66, 3-152.

BOWLING. McDermott 8-1-48-0; Reiffel 9-1-37-0, McGrath 10-0-40-1; Warne 9.1-3-33-2; Blewett 3-0-26-0, Boon 3-0-14-0

Umpires D Johnson and L Barker

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: First day (of four). Sydney: South Australia 286-8 v New South Wales; Hobart: Queensland 234 (S Law 102); Tasmania 30-0, Melbourne: Victoria 237-8 (J Bakker 75) v Western Australia.

BILLIARDS

HYDERABAD, India: Grand slam championship: Quarter-finals: R Foldvari (Aus) bt N Dagley (Eng) 4-1; R Chapman (Eng) bt M Russell (Eng) 2-1, scr.

HOCKEY

INTER-SERVICES CHAMPIONSHIP: Army 4 Royal Navy 1. Veterans: Army 2 Royal Navy 1. Under-23: Army 1 Royal Navy 2 (Navy win title) (at Cannock).

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Indiana 117 Milwaukee 108, New Jersey 108 Orlando 99; Chicago 99 Atlanta 86, Golden State 119 Los Angeles Lakers 108; Los Angeles Clippers 117 Detroit 87

EUROPEAN CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: Quarter-final, third leg: Panathinaikos 99 Buckler Bologna 56 (Panathinaikos win series 2-1).

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Montreal 8 Pittsburgh 5; Philadelphia 4 New York Rangers 3; Anaheim 5 Calgary 0; Toronto 2 San Jose 1.

BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Sheffield Steelers 12 Milton Keynes Kings 6

NORDIC SKIING

THUNDER BAY, Ontario: World championships: Men: Combined team event (total time, based on ski jumping and 4 x 5km cross-country skiing) 1, Japan 58min 20.2sec; 2, Norway 59 14 8; 3, Switzerland 1hr 0 1min 41.9sec.

REAL TENNIS

LORD'S: British Land amateur championship: Quarter-final: M Howard bt T Warburg 6-3, 6-4, 6-2.

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Castleford 34 Oldham 14; Salford 16 Warrington 32; Widnes 12 Wigan 46. Second division: London Broncos 18 Whitehaven 16.

SKIING

BORMIO, Italy: World Cup event: Men: Super-giant slalom: 1, R Kroell (Austria) 1min 37.37sec, 2, P Runggaldier (It) 1:37 79, 3, W Perathoner (It) 1.38.22. World Cup positions: Super-giant slalom (final) 1, Runggaldier 332pts, 2, G Mader (Austria) 250; 3, Perathoner 237. Overall: 1, A Tomba (It) 1,050; 2, J Koer (Slovenia) 700, 3, M Girardelli (Lux) 699, 105, G Bell (GB). Women: Super-giant slalom: 1, K Seizinger (Ger) 1min 20.93sec; 2, R Goetschl (Austria) 1.21 13; 3, F Masnada (Fri 1:21.26. World Cup positions: Super-giant slalom (final) 1, Seizinger 446pts, 2, H Zeller-Baehler (Switz) 368, 3, H Zurbriggen (Switz) 251. Overall: 1, Seizinger 1,200; 2, V Schneider (Switz) 1,119; 3, Zeller-Baehler 1,044

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated
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FOOTBALL

Endsleigh Insurance League
Second division
Swansea v Shrewsbury

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Porthmadog v Conwy; Connah's Quay v Rhyl.

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Manchester Utd v Sheffield Utd (at Gigg Lane, Bury, 7.0).

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Bohemians v Athlone (3.15); Cork v Sligo (6.0); Dundalk v Derry (4.0); Galway v Cobh Ramblers (5.0), Monaghan v St Patrick's Ath (4.30), Shamrock v Shelbourne (3.15)

UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Newhaven v Whitehawk

VICTORY SHIELD UNDER-15 INTERNATIONAL: Scotland v Wales (Dumbarton, 7.0)

ENGLISH REED SCHOOLS TROPHY: Berkshire v Dorset (Palmer Park, Reading, 7.45).

RUGBY UNION

A International
Wales v Ireland (7.0)
(at Pontypridd)

Under-21 International
Wales v Ireland (2.15)
(at Glamorgan Wanderers)

Student International
England v Italy (7.15)
(at Leicester)

CLUB MATCHES: Abersvon v Bristol (7.0); Ayr v Stirling County (7.0); Bedford v Kelso; Berry Hill v Clifton (7.0); Bonymaen v Kidwelly (7.0); Cardiff v Bath (7.0); Clarkston v Cume (7.0); Cross Keys v Abertillery (7.0); Gloucester v Newport (7.0), Hillhead-Jordanhill v Selkirk (7.0); Howe of Fife v Edinburgh Wndrs (7.0), Kirkcaldy v Dundee HSFP (7.0); Llanelli v St Mary's College (7.0); London Scottish v Watsonians (7.15); Musselburgh v Stewart's Melville FP (7.0), Narberth v Hendy (7.0), Northampton v Gala, Nottingham v Leicester (7.15); Penarth v St Peters (7.15), Plymouth v Bridham (7.15); Preston Lodge v West of Scotland (7.0), Rosslyn Park v Athletico Rosslyn; Sale v Fylde (7.15); Saracens v Harrogate (at Luton); Tenby Utd v Ystradgynlais (7.0), Tondu v South Wales Police (7.0); Tredegar v Ebbw Vale (7.0); Treorchy v Wattstown (7.0); Tumble v Llandovery (7.0).

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Bitter Championship
St Helens v Bradford

BADMINTON

BIRMINGHAM: All-England championships: Men's singles: Third round: A Antropov (Russ) bt Park Sung-woo (S Kor) 12-15, 17-14, 15-6, Lo Ah Heng (Malay) bt Yong Hock Kin (Malay) 15-7, 15-7, H Susanto (Indo) bt H Zhilan (China) 15-6, 15-4, P Hoyer-Larsen (Den) bt Hendrawan (Indo) 15-8, 15-9; Ahn Jae-chang (S Kor) bt F Permadi (Tai) 11-15, 15-5, 15-9, H Arbi (Indo) bt P Rasmussen (Den) 15-7, 18-15, A Wiranata (Indo) bt H Sorensen (Den) 10-15, 15-2, 18-13, S Nielsen (Den) bt J van Dijk (Holl) 9-15, 15-11, 15-5. Women's singles: Third round: M A Tjotjawan (Indo) bt T Ida (Japan) 10-12, 11-8, 11-4, Ra Kyung-min (S Kor) bt E Ryokina (Russ) 11-8, 11-7, Wang Chen (China) bt L Thomsen (Den) 11-8, 11-4, S Susanti (Indo) bt Yao Yan (China) 8-11, 11-6, 11-7; C Martin (Den) bt Y Santosa (Indo) 11-7, 11-2, Ivan Ji-hyun (S Kor) bt Y Zhaoying (China) 11-8, 7-11, 11-6; Han Jingna (China) bt I Yakusheva (Russ) 11-6, 11-1, Lim Xiao Qing (Swe) bt Zhang Ning (China) 7-11, 11-3, 11-2.

BIATHLON

LILLEHAMMER, Norway: World Cup event: Men's 20 kilometres: 1, V Hietalahti (Fin) 59min 29 3sec; 2, L Gredler (Austria) 59'43 9; 3, P Sendel (Ger) 59 44 8. World Cup positions: 1, J A Tyldum (Nor), 195pts; 2, W Pallhuber (It) 178, 3, P Favre (It) 171.

RUGBY UNION

REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES: Cornwall 13 Royal Navy 35; Wales Schools Under-18 21 Japan Schools 18, Kent 36 Combined London Old Boys 22.

CLUB MATCH: Coventry 31 Nuneaton 10

SNOOKER

BANGKOK: Thailand Open: Quarter-finals: M Johnston-Allen (Eng) bt D Morgan (Wales) 5-4, R O'Sullivan (Eng) bt P Ebdon (Eng) 5-1, C Thorburn (Can) bt A Drago (Malta) 5-4

TENNIS

ST PETERSBURG, Russia: Men's tournament: Second round: Y Kafelnikov (Russ) bt A Jarryd (Swe) 6-1, 7-5, A Volkov (Russ) bt K Carlsen (Den) 6-2, 6-4, T J Middleton (US) bt A Cherkasov (Russ) 4-6, 7-5, 6-4; G Raoux (Fr) bt P Cash (Aus) 7-6, 6-3; A Chesnokov (Russ) bt A Thoms (Ger) 6-2, 6-3; N Kiefer (Ger) bt T Guardiola (Fr) 7-5, 6-4

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Bailey's chaser recovers from early lapses to triumph in style

Master moves into a class of his own

IAN STEWART



Master Oats and Williamson sail over the last in splendid isolation on their way to an historic Cheltenham Gold Cup victory yesterday

By Richard Evans
Racing Correspondent

FOR more than half the race, it looked like a classic case of *stage-fright with a budding* star fluffing his lines on the big night. Despite all the rehearsing, dreadful blunders by Master Oats at the ninth and eleventh fences of yesterday's Tote Cheltenham Gold Cup seemed *certain to have* ended the favourite's chances of victory.

Almost in desperation, Norman Williamson decided to extract his clumsy mount from near the inner running rail *where he had been trapped* behind the leaders for more than a circuit. Just as the critics were sharpening their pencils in anticipation, Master Oats was suddenly transformed and proved himself worthy of the big time.

Given daylight for the first time and a proper view of the menacing fences, the 100-30 chance was converted from wimp into colossus, joined the leaders within a matter of strides before powering up the Cheltenham hill to win by 15 lengths from Dubacilla, with a similar distance back to Miinnehoma, last year's Grand National winner.

Williamson, completing a memorably big-race double after his victory on Alderbrook in the Champion Hurdle on Tuesday, did a passable imitation of Frankie Dettori as he leapt from the saddle in the winner's enclosure and after a brief talk with connections let out a great whoop of joy.

"It is what I have dreamt of all my life — and I'm here," the popularly named "Stormin" Norman said.

Yet only minutes earlier, victory was the last thought in his mind, let alone any idea of completing an historic double.

"He was very bad in behind the other horses, he didn't jump a fence. It was probably the pace, the level of the race and having a lot of horses around him. You have to remember he's been hacking around in 3½ chases at his own pace. Today he had the gun put to his head from the word go and that is why he didn't jump.

"He made a bad mistake at *the first down the hill on the* second circuit and I thought I had to do something; I had to get out of there so I switched out wide but, really, going to the water, I didn't think I would win. But once I jumped the water and gave him a smack on the shoulder he grabbed hold of the bit and within about five strides I knew I could win.

"He *just changed tune and* had a look at his fences and from then on his jumping was brilliant. At the top of the hill Brad [Graham Bradley, rider of Merry Gale] looked back and said we were ten lengths clear. *I knew from then on we* would not get caught and he would keep going."

Having forged ahead of Merry Gale and into the lead two fences from home, the only danger was the staying-on Dubacilla, but in the end the game mare, owned by Veronica Cole, finished exactly the same distance behind Master Oats as she had when *the pair clashed at Cheltenham* in January.

Kim Bailey, trainer of the winner, reflected: "Master Oats made such a bad mistake down the far side I thought that was it. He was soon going *well again which shows how* good a horse he is."

While Master Oats overcame his early lapses, others were not so fortunate. Val D'Alene unseated his rider at the seventh, Flashing Steel and Jamie Osborne parted company at the twelfth, Algan unseated his rider at the fourteenth, and Barton Bank tumbled at the next when in *second place and poised to* challenge.

Martin Pipe, trainer of the third-placed Miinnehoma, said: "It was a very good Gold Cup this year and it should put Miinnehoma spot on for *the Martell Grand National.*"

Jodami, attempting to win back his crown, was supported down to 7-2 second favourite, but made several mistakes virtually stopped him in his tracks. He kept on to finish eighth.

"I should have pulled him up before the last but he was in fourth place," said Mark Dwyer, his rider. "He has *finished very distressed.*"

Jodami was later found to be suffering from an enlarged off-fore knee. "He is definitely not right. He finished absolutely dead-beat, that's not his running at all," Peter Beaumont, his trainer said.

Meanwhile, Bailey left Cheltenham last night "for a drink and probably a lot more" before setting off for the races today... at Fakenham.

BIG RACE RESULT

Going: soft

3.30 TOTE CHELTENHAM GOLD CUP CHASE (Grade 1 £122,540, 3m 2f 110yd)

MASTER OATS ch g Oats - Miss Poker Face (P Matthews) 9-12-0 N Williamson (100-30 fav; *Private Handicapper's top rating*) 1.

Dubacilla b m Dubassoff - Just Camilla H Cole) 9-11-9 D Gallagher (20-1) 2.

Miinnehoma bb g Kambalda - Mrs Cairns (F Sloan) 12-12-0 R Dunwoody (9-1) 3.

ALSO RAN 7-2 Jodami, 8 Barton Bank (fell, 10 Merry Gale (4th), Monseur Le Cure (6th), Val D'Alene (ur), 14 Deep Bramble *(pu), 16 Algan (ur), 25 Flashing Steel (f), 33* Young Hustler (5th), 50 Nuaffe (ur), 100 Beech Road, Commercial Artist, 15 ran NR Royal Athlete, Second Schedual 15l, 15l, 4l, 10l, 3l, K Bailey at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £4.40, £2.40, £4.40, £2.00. DF: £47.30. Trio: £144.10. CSF: £61.16. Tricast: £508.51

CHELTENHAM

THUNDERER

2.15 Cab On Target
2.50 Turning Trix
3.25 Cheryl's Lad
4.00 Mugoni Beach
4.35 Allezmoss
5.10 DOCKMASTER (nap)

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.25 BEAR CLAW.

Brian Beel: 4.35 *Once Stung.*

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.00 DONT TELL THE WIFE (nap).

GOING: SOFT SIS

2.15 GUINNESS SAINT PATRICK'S DAY HURDLE C4
(£10,601: 2m 4f) (8 runners)

101 1112P1 ALLEGATION 24 (V,D,G,S) (Martin Pipe Racing Club) M Pipe 5-11-8 ... R Dunwoody 75
102 1043-P0 ASLAN 13 (S) (R Green) Jimmy Fitzgerald 7-11-0 ... M Dwyer 61
103 4321F1 CAB ON TARGET 13 (C,D,F,G,S) (Mrs E Murray) Mrs M Reveley 9-11-0 ... P Niven 68
104 5/006-65 HIDDEN OATS 13 (F,S) (T Johnson) Mrs C Johnsey 6-11-0 ... J Harvey 50
105 641BP2 LUCKY BLUE 4 (D,S) (Mrs S Palmer) N Thomson 8-11-0 ... N Williamson 50
106 11-P504 MILTONFIELD 19 (G,S) (J Savage) J Mulhern (Ire) 6-11-0 ... C O'Dwyer 50
107 06 SAINT KEYNE 22 (Bridgham Components Ltd) D Williams 5-11-0 ... T Kitamura 50
108 3313-60 STEEL DAWN 3 (B,S) (K Curran) R Curran (Ire) 8-11-0 ... Mr R Curran 72

BETTING: Evens Cab On Target, 7-4 Allegation, 7-1 Steel Dawn, 10-1 Aslan, 12-1 Miltonfield, 25-1 Hidden Oats, Lucky Blue, 33-1 Saint Keyne.

1994: NO CORRESPONDING MEETING

FORM FOCUS

ALLEGATION beat Top Spin 8l in 6-runner grade II Regency Hurdle at Warwick (2m 4l 110yd, soft) with LUCKY BLUE (9lb better off). CAB ON TARGET best Dromgurn Serenade 3l in 9-runner handicap hurdle at Doncaster (3m 110yd, good). HIDDEN OATS 18¼l 5th of 12 to dead-heating Brambleberry and Mr Confusion in handicap hurdle at Doncaster (3m 110yd, good) with ASLAN (23lb better off) 10l 5th.

LUCKY BLUE 5l 2nd of 9 to Violet's Boy in handicap hurdle at Taunton (2m 3f 110yd, soft). MILTONFIELD 7¼l 4th of 30 to Great Svenyak in maiden hurdle at Fairyhouse (3m 4f, soft). SAINT KEYNE debut 6th of 7 to Aldertrook in grade II h. J. Fike Kingwell Hurdle at Wincanton (3m, soft). STEEL DAWN 11 7th of 23 to Miracle Man in handicap hurdle here (3m 2f, soft) on Tuesday. Selection: CAB ON TARGET.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Runs	%
K. Bailey	21	77	27.3
D. Nicholson	4	180	23.3
M. Pipe	47	285	16.5
N. Twiston-Davies	29	188	15.4
G. Balding	19	129	14.7
J. Sherwood	11	77	14.3

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
A. Tory	10	28	35.7
N. Williamson	18	87	20.7
D. O'Sullivan	3	15	20.0
Richard Guest	7	42	16.7
C. Swan	9	58	15.5
D. Bridgwater	10	70	14.3

2.50 FAUCETS FOR MIRA RADA SHOWERS NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£11,723: 2m 5f) (12 runners) C4

201 22F143 BRAVE HIGHLANDER 28 (C,S) (S Embiricos) J Gifford 7-11-10 ... P Hide 88
202 31F113 CRANK SHAFT 37 (F,C,S) (C McNally) J Dunn 8-11-10 ... D Byrne 80
203 /4/3P-12 FAIR CROSSING 11 (C,S) (Mrs S Weatherby) C Egerton 9-11-5 ... J Osborne 85
204 341-23P BALLY CLOVER 85 (C,S) (M Shone) N Henderson 8-11-0 ... M A Fitzgerald 85
205 20SU13 BARTON BANK 19 (D,C,S) (Mrs S Watts) G Balding 9-10-12 ... R Davis 90
206 5/2-2F10 *TURNING TRIX 20 (C,S) (M Davies) S Sherwood 8-10-9* ... N Williamson 87
207 40P314 TALE OF ENDURANCE 13 (S) (L Dampney) E O'Grady (Ire) 7-10-7 ... C Swan 90
208 F02244 TOPICAL TIP 10 (J Mytham) J Mulhern (Ire) 6-10-5 ... C O'Dwyer 85
209 5252P3 MAJOR BUSH 56 (S) (P T Racing) Miss C Johnsey 8-10-2 ... L Harvey 86
210 223034 FOUR DEEP 25 (BF,F,G,S) (The Brew Partnership) J Johnson 7-10-1 ... D Bridgwater 88
211 2-63GF1 EASBY JOKER 6 (S) (G Orchard) S Kettlewell 7-10-0 ... Mr C Bonner (5) 93
212 002-644 SUPER MALT 15 (B,F,G,S) (F Allison) B Meehan 7-10-0 ... B Powell 88

Long handicap: Easby Joker 9-11, Super Malt 9-8.

BETTING: 9-2 Easby Joker, 6-1 Fair Crossing, 7-1 Crank Shaft, Tale Of Endurance, 8-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

BRAVE HIGHLANDER best recent effort beat Greenhill Tare Away 20l in novice chase at Ascot (3m 110yd, good). CRANK SHAFT best *Snook Point 12l in novice chase at Catterick (3m 1f* 110yd, soft) on penultimate start. BALLY CLOVER best effort this term 3l 2nd to Dalic Regrets in novice chase at Windsor (2m 5f, good to soft). FAIR BROTHER 21¼l 3rd to File Concord in handicap chase at Leicester (2m 4f 110yd, heavy).

TURNING TRIX beat Rectory Garden 9l in novice chase at Ludlow (2m 4f, soft). TALE OF ENDURANCE beat Rich Tradition 11½l in handicap chase at *Tramore (2m 6f, heavy) on penultimate start.* TOPICAL TIP 20¼l last of 4 to Flashing Steel in handicap chase at Fairyhouse (3m 1f, soft). EASBY JOKER best Back In Business, distance in amateurs maiden chase at Southwell (2m 4f 110yd, soft). Selection: EASBY JOKER.

3.25 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE FINAL (Grade II: £22,665: 2m 4f) (25 runners) C4

301 444112 EVEN FLOW 38 (D,S) (A Wates) T Casey 6-11-10 ... P Niven 80
302 1P3116 NAHTHEN LAD 24 (D,G,S) (J Shaw) Mrs J Pitman 6-11-9 ... W Marston 84
303 60-11P4 SHINING LIGHT 36 (G,S) (*The Dealey Partnership*) D Nicholson 6-11-9 .. R Massey (5) 80
304 10-3311 BEAR CLAW 21 (B,D,S) (Roach Foods Ltd) O Sherwood 6-11-8 ... J Osborne 88
305 332-111 *TREASURE AGAIN 22 (S) (J Gaynor) Mrs M Jones 6-11-7* ... *G McCourt* 86
306 332-512 LUCKY SALUTE 13 (S) (Mrs K Costello) A O'Shea (Ire) 6-11-7 ... C Swan 82
307 043212 NATIVE ALLIANCE 29 (BF,S) (Mrs L Sewell) M Pipe 6-11-6 ... R Dunwoody 89
308 121 HOUSE CAPTAIN 27 (D,G,S) (G Middlebrook) K Bailey 6-11-6 ... N Williamson 83
309 112422 AIR SHOT 6 (BF,G,S) (Mrs P Prowting) D Nicholson 5-11-5 ... A Dobbin 86
310 131-31F CHERYL'S LAD 64 (BF,F,S) (Mrs E Baines) N Henderson 5-11-4 ... M A Fitzgerald 80
311 01-5410 ARDSHULL 58 (G,S) (N McCarthy) A Moore (Ire) 6-11-3 ... F Woods 80
312 133501 LEAD VOCALIST 28 (D,S) (Capt A Prato) R Rowe 6-11-2 ... D O'Sullivan 80
313 15-4/11 FALMOUTH BAY 17 (J Morrison) S Sherwood 6-11-1 ... G Upton 80
314 13-1112 LIGHTENING LAD 22 (G,S) (R Peterson) A Lang 7-10-13 ... T Jenks 91
315 322511 *CERTAIN ANGLE 16 (G,S) (The Pyrtonm Syndicate)* P Hobbs 6-10-11 .. G Tormey (5) 83
316 0-33144 SO HOPEFUL 21 (S) (M Padfield) Mrs J Renshaw-Barnes 6-10-9 ... R Greene 85
317 10-5101 SPARKLING CORE 21 (S) (Mrs M Horton) M Pipe 6-10-9 ... J Lower 95
318 42-444 CASTLE CHIEF 63 (J Clizer) J Gifford 6-10-8 ... P Hide 80
319 2-44812 LIEN DE FAMILLE 28 (S) (Mrs M Taylor) J Dunn 5-10-8 ... M Dwyer 84
320 0-P1 UNIVERSAL MAGIC 20 (D,G) (Universal Conference Ltd) C Brooks 5-10-7 ... G Bradley 80
321 5-053033 BUCKHOUSE BOY 27 (The Bawdry Boys) N Twiston-Davies 5-10-5 ... C Llewellyn 74
322 24-135 PADISHAH 39 (S) (*Prosperous Punters Racing Club*) W Muir 6-10-5 ... M Richards 67
323 422444 FREDDIE MUCK 6 (Mrs C Twiston-Davies) N Twiston-Davies 5-10-2 ... D Bridgwater 90
324 04622 DO RIGHTLY 11 (J Fitzpatrick) M Bradstock 6-10-1 ... L Harvey 85
325 F-6312 EXEMPLAR 112 (BF,F) (Mrs S Smith) Mrs S Smith 7-10-0 ... Richard Guest 69

Long handicap, Exemplar 9-13.

BETTING: 6-1 Bear Claw, 9-1 Treasure Again, 10-1 House Captain, 12-1 Lucky Salute, Sparkling Core, 14-1 Lightening Lad, 16-1 Air Shot, Cheryl's Lad, Native Alliance, 20-1 Certain Angle, Even Flow, 25-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

NAHTHEN LAD beat Decatur 2½l in 6-runner novice hurdle at Huntingdon (2m 5f 110yd, good to soft) on penultimate start, with SO HOPEFUL (14lb better off) 10¾l 4th. BEAR CLAW best Fineste (5l) in 11-runner novice hurdle at Kempton (2m 5f, heavy) with SO HOPEFUL (3lb better off) 3¼l 4th. Earlier best EVEN FLOW (2lb better off) 6l in novice hurdle at Warwick (2m 4l 110yd, soft) with BUCKHOUSE BOY (15lb better off) 30l 7th. TREASURE AGAIN best AIR SHOT (2lb better off) 2½l in 8-runner novice hurdle at Chepstow (3m 110yd, heavy) with BUCKHOUSE BOY (8lb better off) 20l 3rd and FREDDIE MUCK (9lb better off) 13l 4th. NATIVE ALLIANCE ¾l 2nd of 11 to Black N'Penny in novice handicap hurdle at Sandown (2m 5f, heavy). HOUSE CAPTAIN best Jalcarlo 4l in 16-runner novice hurdle at Newcastle (2m 4f, good to soft). LIGHTENING LAD 6l 2nd of 14 to Kings Cross in handicap hurdle at Wincanton (2m, soft). CERTAIN ANGLE beat Dancing Sam ¾l in novice hurdle at Taunton (2m 3f 110yd, soft). Selection: EVEN FLOW.

4.00 PURE GENIUS HANDICAP CHASE C4
(£15,500: 3m 2f 110yd) (10 runners)

401 6-13114 GOLD CAP 76 (C,D,S,S) (G Meadows) P Hobbs 10-11-13 ... G McCourt 85
402 54/4-3P5 ESHA NESS 13 (G,S) (P Bancroft) Mrs J Pitman 12-11-10 ... J White 93
403 1-20662 NEVADA GOLD 13 (C,F,G,S) (Aldbrook Ltd) F Yardley 9-11-9 ... W McFarland 95
404 21U13U DONT TELL THE WIFE 3 (B,CD,BF,S,S) Mrs D Haine 9-11-8 ... J F Titley 92
405 33-P534 FLASHTHECASH 99 (C,F,S) (Dr G Maylan) C Egerton 9-11-1 ... J Osborne 80
406 4P-P11F HILL TRIX 21 (D,G,S) (Mrs E Elliot) R Bishop 9-11-0 ... A Tory 95
407 113U2P CELTIC PRINCE 21 (D,G,S) (Mrs C M-Jones) N Twiston-Davies 9-10-12 ... C Llewellyn 95
408 145664 SQUIRE JIM 13 (C,D,F,G) (Langdon HC) N Twiston-Davies 11-10-10 .. D Bridgwater 87
409 8-64140 YOUNG NIMROD 13 (S) (G Wragg) E O'Grady (Ire) 8-10-0 ... C Swan 94
410 /2F102 MUGONI BEACH 29 (D,G,S) (J Ennis) M Pipe 10-10-0 ... R Dunwoody 89

BETTING: 4-1 Dont Tell The Wife, 5-2 Hill Trix, Young Nimrod, 11-2 Mugoni Beach, 8-1 Nevada Gold, 10-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

GOLD CAP beat Arthur's Minstrel head in handicap chase at Sandown (3m 5f 110yd, good) on penultimate start. NEVADA GOLD 6l 2nd of 10 to Meleagris in handicap chase at Doncaster (3m 2f, good), with SQUIRE JIM (3lb worse off) 30½l 4th and ESHA NESS (2lb better off) 13l 5th. DONT TELL THE WIFE best effort beat Belmoutt Captain *15l in handicap chase over course and distance* (good to soft), with CELTIC PRINCE unseated rider 6 out. HILL TRIX beat Lo Stregone 5l in handicap chase at Newbury (3m 2f 110yd, heavy) on penultimate start, with DONT TELL THE WIFE (4lb better off) 2½l 3rd. Previously beat CELTIC PRINCE (10lb better off) 11¾l in 9-runner handicap chase at Towcester (3m 1f, heavy). YOUNG NIMROD going well unseated rider 10th behind Irish Bay in handicap chase at Navan (3m, soft to heavy).
Selection: YOUNG NIMROD

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

101 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 ... B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell, P — pulled up, U — unseated rider, B — brought down, S — slipped up, R — refused, D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing, F if flat. (B — blinkers, V — visor, H — hood, E — Eyeshield, C — course winner, D — distance winner, CD — course and distance winner, BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm hard, G — good, S — soft, good to soft, heavy). *Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and* weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

4.35 BUTTEVANT HUNTERS CHASE
(Amateurs: £7,523: 4m 1f) (23 runners)

501 1111-21 ONCE STUNG 15 (C,F,G,S) (J Greenall) P Cheesbrough 9-12-7 ... J Greenall 90
502 14-21 AFTERKELLY 16 (G,S) (Mrs T White) Mrs T White 10-12-3 ... R White 67
503 022-F52 FIFTH AMENDMENT 7 (B,F,S,S) (R Ponsonby) C Mann 10-12-3 ... R Ponsonby 84
504 4U13-4R HERMES HARVEST 27 (BF,S) (Mrs B Palmer) D Williams 7-12-3 ... A Balding 98
505 1560-3U MY MELLOW MAN 8 (B,G,S) (W Gooden) W Gooden 12-12-3 ... D Alers-Hankey 82
506 -2111 RICHARD HUNT 12P (F,G,S) (Mrs P Rowe) Y Rowe 11-12-3 ... Miss L Rowe 80
507 PP/6UFP- ACE OF SPIES 342 (C,F,G,S) (Mrs G Jones) Miss A Embiricos 14-12-0 ... J Berry –
508 2F48/53- ALLEZMOSS 343 (B,S) (M Cahill) E Bolger (Ire) 9-12-0 ... A Martin 88
509 /15P- ARDESEE 349P (F,G,S) (R Peake) R Peake 15-12-0 ... A Wintle –
510 4U0-542 CLONONY CASTLE 7 (V) (Miss U McSweeney) 9-12-0 ... Mr C Bonner 86
511 U2/6PP5 FOREST RANGER 11 (F,G,S) (B Robinson) L Parker 13-12-0 ... Mr Harris 87
512 2U225-2 ROSSBURY 41P (F,S) (Mrs S Humphreys) R Barber 10-12-0 ... Miss P Curling 88
513 425320- GOODLOS GOLD 384 (B,S) (Mrs M Morgan) J Mangan (Ire) 9-12-0 ... T Murphy –
514 0U00-P3 IFREEE 21 (S) (S Hope) R Hirons 8-12-0 ... S Hope 64
515 P040-P0 KAMEO STYLE 17 (B,F,S,S) (F Matthews) F Matthews 12-12-0 ... L Brown –
516 436533 RUSTY BRIDGE 16 (F,G) (I Johnson) Mrs S Johnson 8-12-0 ... R Johnson 76
517 4-213 SANDS OF GOLD 34P (S) (C Nimmo) C Nimmo 7-12-0 ... B Pollock –
518 *411717 SPRING TO IT 1026 (F,G) (M Pipe) M Pipe 9-12-0* ... D Pipe –
519 -38P3 STAY ON TRACKS 10 (B,F,G,S) (R Smith) N Yung 13-12-0 ... N Ding –
520 33-0313 THE MALAKARMA 17 (G,S) (C Dray) Mrs I Mckie 9-12-0 ... T Byrne 85
521 04UP0-3 THE REAL UNYOKE 29 (G,S) (Guy Lock) R Rowe 10-12-0 ... J Lock 80
522 0/3000P- WATERLOO KING 331 (G) (T Whelan) G Cully (Ire) 8-12-0 ... D Keane –
523 P156-4 RAINBOW FOUNTAIN 16 (G) (P Gardner) N Lampard 8-11-9 ... C Vigors –

BETTING: 4-1 Allezmoss, 9-2 Once Stung, 6-1 Richard Hunt, The Malakarma, 10-1 Afterkelly, Goodlos Gold, 12-1 Fifth Amendment, 14-1 My Mellow Man, Spring To It, 16-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

ONCE STUNG beat Wild Illusion short-head in 13-runner hunter chase at Ludlow (3m, good to soft), with FOREST RANGER pulled up 3 out. AFTERKELLY beat Unquiet 20l in 15-runner hunter chase at Taunton (4m 2f 110yd, soft), with RUSTY BRIDGE (10lb better off) 15l 3rd and RAINBOW FOUNTAIN (2lb better off) tailed off 4th. FIFTH AMENDMENT 15l 2nd of 9 to Wild Illusion in hunter chase at Sandown (3m 110yd, good to soft). RICHARD HUNT beat Counterbid 7l in 3m R-runner hunter chase at Cottenham (soft). ALLEZMOSS 2¾l 3rd of 28 to Killeshin in hunter chase at Aintree (3m 6f, heavy), with KAMEO STYLE tailed off 8th. FOSBURY 2l 2nd of 17 to Qualified in mixed open at Larkhill (good to soft), with RUSTY BRIDGE (7lb better off) tailed off 5th. THE MALAKARMA beat Cruise Control 1l in 12-runner hunter chase at Fontwell (3m 2f 110yd, good) on penultimate start.
Selection: ONCE STUNG

5.10 SLANEY JUVENILE NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(4-Y-O: £10,943: 2m 4f) (15 runners)

601 103241 SIGN OF PEACE 10 (G,S) (J Malone) A O'Brien (Ire) 11-12 ... C Swan 94
602 61135 VERYVEL 6 (G) (D Lowe) R Simpson 11-10 ... J Osborne 95
603 14345 LOMOND MIST 25 (S) (Mrs M Bird) J Johnson 11-3 ... D Bridgwater 85
604 410442 ZAITOON 20 (G) (Cheltenham Racing Ltd) D Nicholson 11-2 ... W Marston 92
605 0820 SYMBOL OF SUCCESS 76 (N T Racing Syndicate) D Williams 11-0 ... N Nakatsuka 91
606 223105 CLIFTON SET 29 (S) (G Palmer) M Channon 11-0 ... A Thornton 91
607 4422 MELVIN 27 (P Wiersma) G Harwood 10-13 ... M Perrett 98
608 1344 PAMPERED GUEST 15 (G) (J Perriss) K Bailey 10-12 ... N Williamson 86
609 32414 WINN'S PRIDE 6 (S) (Mrs W Bailey) R Hollinshead 10-9 ... S Wynne (3) 89
610 3103 DOCKMASTER 16 (G) (J Gorgon) Mrs M Milligan 10-9 ... Richard Guest 92
611 035 *NO FOOLING 20 (M Batchelor) M Wilkerson 10-8* ... J F Titley 97
612 323 BAYARIYKA 22 (Ashton In Kind Pimms) N Henderson 10-7 ... M A Fitzgerald 95
613 052432 KALASADI 11 (G) (Lloran) Mrs J Doyle 10-7 ... S McNeill 94
614 140313 DAKOTA GIRL 105 (G,S) (Dr J Leigh) G Balding 10-7 ... B Clifford 85
615 46232 MICROLITE 56 (V,BF) (J Brown) M Hammond 10-3 ... P Niven 91

BETTING: 7-2 Sign Of Peace, 5-1 Bayariyka, 6-1 Zaitoon, 7-1 Melvin, 10-1 Dockmaster, Pampered Guest, 12-1 Microlite, 14-1 Winn's Pride, 16-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

SIGN OF PEACE beat Clancy Nassel 2l in 13-runner juvenile hurdle at Clonmel (2m, heavy). ZAITOON 4l 2nd of 8 to Mandati in juvenile limited handicap hurdle at Haydock (2m, heavy). CLIFTON SET beat Lying Eyes 1l at 5-runner juvenile hurdle at Kempton (2m 5f, soft). PAMPERED GUEST about 6l 4th of 17 to Non Vintage in novice hurdle at Ludlow (2m, good to soft). WINN'S PRIDE beat Wren Warbler ¾l in novice hurdle at Ludlow (2m, good to soft). BAYARIYKA 4¾l 3rd of 20 to Home From The Hill in novice hurdle at Huntingdon (2m 110yd, soft). KALASADI 6l 2nd of 9 to Caddoguin in novice hurdle at Windsor (2m 2f, heavy).
Selection: BAYARIYKA

Record crowds at Festival

FOR the third day running a record crowd figure was set at Cheltenham yesterday, with a Gold Cup day attendance of 57,804, up 1,228 (2.2 per cent) on last year's figure of 56,576.

The Tote reported turnover of £5,952,728.22 on the three days of the Festival. *The figure is up by £660,396.32 — an increase of* 12.5 per cent on 1994. Yesterday's figure of £2,393,318 produced an increase of 11.7 per cent on Gold Cup day last year. The biggest daily increase in turnover came on Tuesday, when with a rise of £237,182.75 on the corresponding day a year ago.

Treasure Again can continue profitable run

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TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

2.15: Cab On Target would ideally prefer further but with Allegation likely to set a strong pace over this stiff track the clear form pick appears to hold outstanding claims. Mary Reveley's classy nine-year-old, officially rated 20lb superior to the best of the rest, recorded his best performance over hurdles for a year when winning at Doncaster 13 days and a repeat of that success will be good enough here.

2.50: *Major Bush is consis*tent, unlike several of these runners, and will be thereabouts off his light weight but **Turning Trix** can provide Simon Sherwood with a welcome winner. The eight-year-old boasts sound novice form, notably when staying on strongly to beat Rectory Garden (winner since) at Ludlow in January on soft ground.

Fair Brother goes well in the mud but is not the most fluent jumper. Brave Highlander would have solid claims *if reproducing the form which saw him win* at Ascot in January, but he has been beaten a distance twice since then. Fair Crossing may be suited by today's short trip after tiring behind Montebel last time.

3.25: *This is a cracking race* in which a case can be made out for at least half the field. The application of blinkers has galvanized Bear Claw and the mud lover's turn of foot makes him a potent *threat. House Captain was* considered a possibility for the Sun Alliance Hurdle after overcoming a three-month lay-off to win at Newcastle last month. Sparkling Cone stepped up significantly on previous efforts when winning well at Haydock last time, looks well handicapped but has *twice disappointed here. Do* Rightly and the Irish-trained Lucky Salute will have their supporters but I prefer **Treasure Again.** Since finishing third to Simple Arithmetic on his first run this season, *the Merrita* Jones-trained hurdler has improved to win his last three races, loves the mud and should appreciate today's step up to 2½ miles.

4.00: The three horses who



Reveley: fine chance

arguably come out best at the weights, Don't Tell The Wife, Hill Trix and Celtic Prince, all failed to complete their last race, which makes *this particularly tricky. At* his best, Nevada Gold would have sound claims but is inclined to make the odd error. Young Nimrod, the Irish raider, looks capable of better and is a live danger to **Mugoni Beach** who has run three solid races this season. He jumps well in the main, goes in the soft and comes here a fresh horse.

RICHARD HUNT

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: TREASURE AGAIN
(3.25 Cheltenham)
Next best: Turning Trik
(2.50 Cheltenham)

Richard Evans rounded off a fine Festival for The Times racing team yesterday by napping Dorans Pride (11-4) and selecting the Gold Cup winner, Master Oats (100-30), who was also top-rated by the Private Handicapper (Gerald Hubbard).

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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 35

KANTELE

(a) A form of zither used in Finland and Karelia. Taken directly from the Finnish *kantele*. G. Taylor, *Mortlake*, 1960: "The kantele was a large wooden box, pentagonal and tapering at one end. The five strings were stretched the length of the instrument."

HORNSWOGGLE

(c) To get the better of, to cheat or swindle, to hoodwink, humbug or bamboozle. A North American colloquialism. *Boston Herald*, 1904: "*One practical working theory in advertising circles is that the ad's chief* function is to hornswoggle the consumer."

NIM

***(b) A game in which two players take one or more objects from any one* of several heaps, the aim being to compel one's opponent to take the last remaining object (or, sometimes, to take it oneself). Origin uncertain, perhaps suggested by the German *nimm*, imperative of *nehmen* to take. *Scientific Newsletter*, 1955: "A 17-year-old senior at Newton High School can boast of having an electronic player that almost never loses in the ancient game of wits, known as 'nim'."**

MAVRONE

(a) An Anglicised form of the Irish *mo bhrón* my grief, used as an exclamation of sorrow. W. B. Yeats, *Countess Kathleen*, 1892: "The treasure-room is broken in — mavrone, mavrone. The door stands open and the gold is gone."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

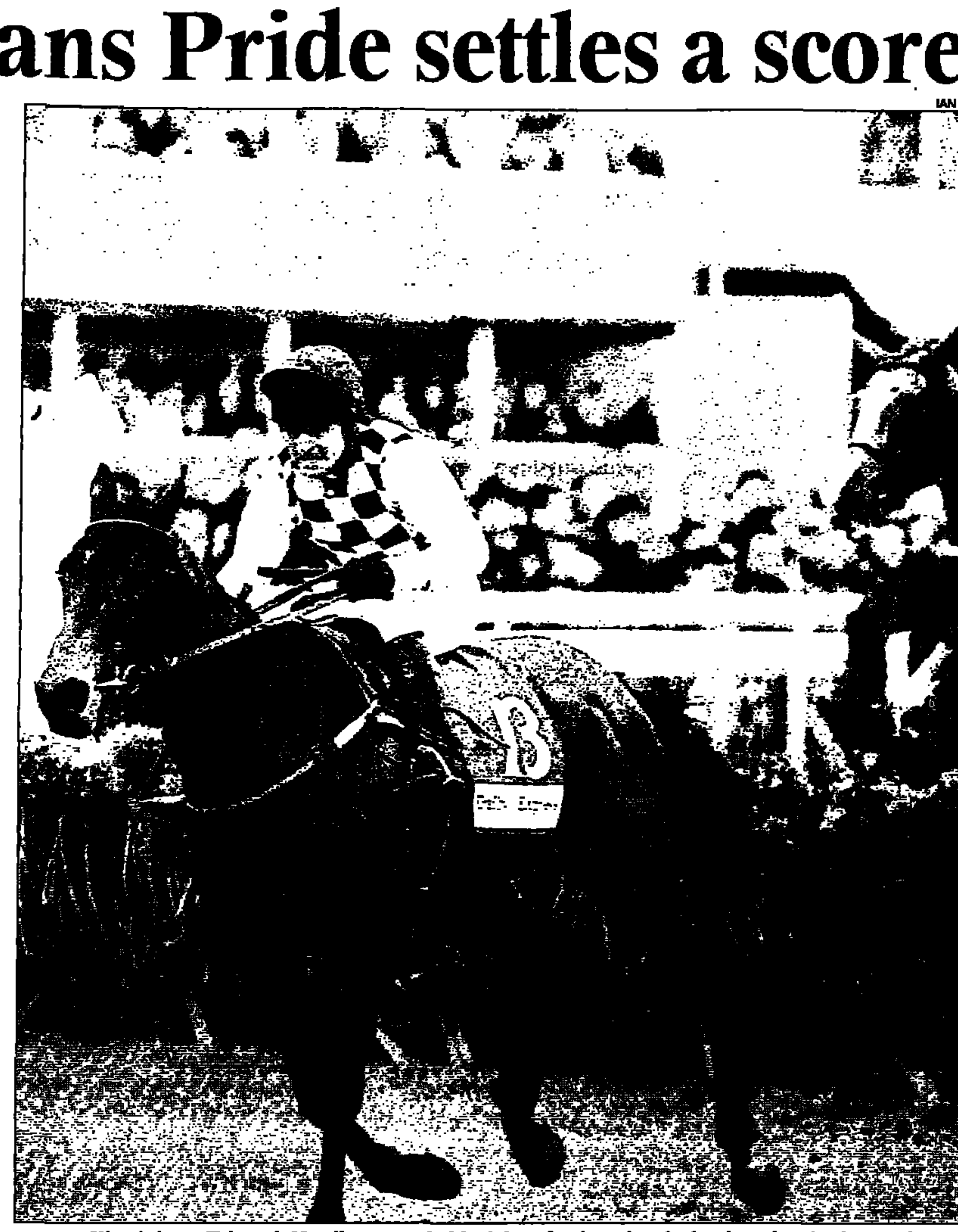
1 Rxf6! gxf6; 2 Rd3 and the threat of the rook coming to the g-file is decisive, e.g. 2 ... Qe5 temporarily prevents Rg3, but now 3 Ne4! Qxe4; 4 Rg3+ and wins.

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Dorans Pride settles a score

Julian Muscat reports on a victory made all the sweeter by its being delayed for 12 months

IAN STEWART



Kissair has a Triumph Hurdle success in his sights after jumping the last in a clear lead yesterday

IT WAS the perfect cure for a colossal hangover. After Harcon's eclipse on Wednesday, the night of drowned sorrows was quickly forgotten when Doran's Pride, representing Ireland, made off with the Bonusprint Stayers' Hurdle at Cheltenham yesterday.

There followed joyous scenes as Michael Hourigan, the winning trainer, milked the moment he believed should have been his 12 months ago. Then, Doran's Pride capsized at the final flight when poised on Danoli's heels. Now, Hourigan held his breath as the very same obstacle stood between Doran's Pride and certain victory.

"Not many people believe *we would have beaten* Danoli," he said in welcoming his first Festival winner. "For so long I've thought how I'd love to re-run that race, but we'll show Danoli the way the next time we meet."

Hourigan's exuberance rubbed off on an impromptu gathering of his compatriots, who stormed the winner's enclosure. As the trainer sprayed champagne at an ever-swelling throng, many among the racecourse executive, which has tried to clamp down on such scenes, could not disguise their delight. This was the essence of Cheltenham.

Tom Doran, who owns the horse, was all but walking on air. "It's the greatest moment of my life," he said. "My father, Michael, is not too well and I hope this gives him the will to come here next year. The horse was brilliant but I nearly closed my eyes when he jumped the last." Unlike last year, this was not Doran's Pride before a fall.

In company with the punter who collected winnings of £120,000, Shane Broderick will long treasure this victory. It was Broderick's first ride as a professional and he could hardly have asked for a better start. Like Adrian Maguire, Hourigan plucked him from the Irish pony racing circuit. Also like Maguire, Broderick, 20, has a cool head on young shoulders.

Such was Doran's Pride authority over this competitive field that the party could have started long before the finish. One hopes the six-year-old will now graduate to fences, although connections are eager for another crack at Danoli. The showdown, and it would make compulsive viewing, may materialise at Aintree next month.

Earlier in the day, Kissair ran out an equally authoritative winner of the Triumph Hurdle to give Martin Pipe, his trainer, a second victory in the race. This event holds fond memories for Pipe. In every year since Baron Blakeney opened his Cheltenham account in 1981, Pipe has attacked the race in numbers. "This was the first time I have had the one runner since Baron Blakeney's year," he said.

Pipe's stable jockey, Richard Dunwoody, lost out here as Terry Benson, who owns Kissair, insisted Jonothan Lower maintain his successful association with the four-year-old. "I bought the horse at auction for 16,000 guineas, which was one bid more than I was prepared to make," Benson revealed.

Although Jamie Osborne remained winnerless with 18 of the 20 races completed, his mounts largely did themselves justice. Yet his frustration was evident in his effort aboard Auburn Castle, who narrowly failed to overhaul Sound Reveille in the Grand Annual Chase. He was handed a two-day ban for his use of the whip.

However, in the gathering gloom, he conjured the last ounce from Coulton to pass Sullane River in the final stride of the Cathcart Chase. The smile on Osborne's face, after a clutch of near misses, was worth a thousand words.

When parting with that fiver is very hard to do



Andrew Longmore battles with nerves and indecision before settling on his Gold Cup loser

8.0am: Wake up to visions of Jodami striding up the Cheltenham Hill for his second Gold Cup victory. Check whereabouts of *The Times's* fiver and rehearse swagger to collect winnings. Vow to keep blinkers on for next 7½ hours to avoid mental anguish and fateful indecision. Jodami is the one, no question.

8.50am: Turn on television to catch BBC interview with Kim Bailey. He sounds confident about the chances of his Master Oats. Banish the thought that, if he can teach Alderbrook to win a Champion Hurdle in six weeks, taking a year or two to turn Master Oats from a plodder into a Gold Cup-winner should be a breeze. He doesn't want the ground to dry out. Silently pray for sunshine and high winds.

9.0am: Resort to Ted, Jim and Derek on Channel 4's *Morning Line*, knowing they will all tip something different. Ted Walsh has been the star all week with confident opinions, colourfully expressed in perfect Cheltenham Irish. He tips Jodami strongly, reckons he'll be suited by the long run from second last to last fence. Feel reassured, then remember his succinct dismissal of Alderbrook's chances in the Champion Hurdle: "Phhwt, he'll puncture up the hill."

9.30am: Open newspapers, promising not to take any notice of the opinions expressed therein. Master Oats *figures strongly* in the headlines, but note that Jodami has been backed heavily and that his trainer, Peter Beaumont, thinks he is as sharp as when he won his first Gold Cup two years ago. He should know. Eyes drawn to quote from Martin Pipe — "Miinnehoma is very well and will be fresh . . ." — and John Edwards — "Monsieur Le Cure is better than he has ever been . . ." Shut newspaper. Miinnehoma? Pipe and Dunwoody have had an eerily quiet Festival.

10.0am: Set off for racecourse. Ponder on journey whether professional punters suffer same doubts. They bet in thousands, not measly fivers. How do they cope? Can afford to lose thousands, so same difference, I suppose. It starts to rain. Kim Bailey will be pleased.

11.30am: Arrive at Cheltenham. Toss up whether to question more knowledgeable colleagues. I do and regret it. "History against Jodami. No Gold Cup winner who has subsequently been beaten in the race has won it again." Why did I ask? "Besides, he has fallen twice this season. Very difficult ride, too." Meet old friend. He suggests Miinnehoma.

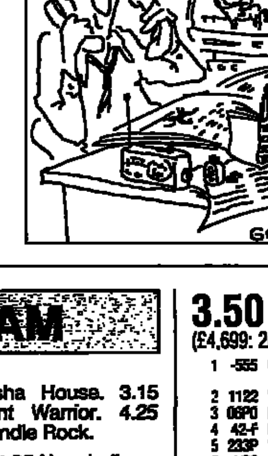
12.30pm: Resolve weakening, head for the form book. Master Oats? No value at 7-2, surely? "I couldn't recommend the gelding," the man in the *Sporting Life* says. Nor can I. The whispers for Merry Gale, the Irish challenger, grow louder on the wind. The French fancy their duo, but neither can be as good as The Fellow, and he only won it once. Monsieur Le Cure has had a dodgy season. Deep Bramble, Dubacilla, opinions, prejudice, half-truths. The barriers are down, any nonsense passes for wisdom.

2.15pm: Martin Pipe wins the opener. Could it be his day? The Irish banker wins the second.

3.0pm: Try to resume rational thought and dash to the pre-parade ring for clues. Eavesdrop on two Irishmen who like Deep Bramble. Then they like Flashing Steel, then Young Hustler. No help there. Every one of the runners looks fit to run for its life. Plunge into betting ring, *Times* fiver in sweaty palm, roulette wheel still turning. Miinnehoma, Monsieur Le Cure, Deep Bramble. Jodami? No chance.

3.25pm: Decision time. It has to be Miinnehoma. Why? No idea. Nice colours. Winning a Grand National before a Gold Cup would show style. Too late now anyway. Mr G. Liles of Leeds has my grubby note, knowing little of the angst invested with it, caring even less. 8-1.

3.30pm: *Off.* At steady cruising speed, Miinnehoma can keep up. When they quicken down the back straight on the second circuit, he struggles. Master Oats gallops on relentlessly. Dunwoody is hard at work a mile out, but the National-winner stays on mightily to finish third. Another mile and . . . well, he beat Jodami. At least I got that right. Any ideas for the last?



Coulton makes up for near misses

By Jamie Osborne

VERY few winners have given me as much satisfaction as Coulton in yesterday's Cathcart Chase. I was starting to think it was not to be my year after yet another second place, this time in the Grand Annual on Auburn Castle. Luckily, Coulton saved the day and the meeting. Any Festival winner is sweet, but it was most satisfying to achieve it on this horse as he has been a real project this season.

He came to Oliver Sherwood's yard during the summer having been trained by Mick Easterby last season. He won three novice chases for Mick, but unfortunately he also ended up on the floor three times. We all have Yogi Breisner, the much-publicised jumping teacher, to thank for this success. He has taken Coulton under his wing this year and without his input this win would not have been possible. The way in which the horse jumped yesterday was a great credit to both Yogi and to the horse, who has been a willing and responsive pupil.

The day had started in somewhat disappointing fashion. Both Halkopous and Flashing Steel hit the deck in their races but both horses were beaten at the time.

Auburn Castle ran extremely well to finish second in the Grand Annual. Unfortunately, my riding caught the eye of the stewards and I received a two-day ban for excessive use of the whip. Under the guidelines it was inevitable that I would receive a ban.

One is in a difficult position when faced with the chance of riding a Festival winner on a horse that is responding to each crack with the stick. Apparently my use of the whip on Coulton was also on the borderline, but on this occasion I was given the benefit of the doubt. Coulton received eight encouraging smacks and won the race by six inches — what are we supposed to do?

I have always said that any Festival meeting with a winner is a good one. While this year I left it a little late, at least I got there in the end. Most of the 15 horses that I rode ran with credit, and the Festival once again lived up to everybody's expectations.

Fantus on target in Foxhunter

FANTUS, bought by John Keighley as a replacement for the ill-fated Rushing Wild, landed a notable success in the Christies' Foxhunter Chase yesterday. Rushing Wild landed the same race in 1992 before finishing second in the following year's Gold Cup.

Fantus, an eight-year-old, was in the care of the West Country trainer Paul Nicholls last season before joining Rushing Wild's former trainer, Richard Barber, for a hunting campaign. "He and Rushing Wild are similar in that they both keep galloping but Rushing Wild also had a high cruising speed," Barber said.

The eight-year-old, ridden by Polly Curling, defeated the 50-1 outsider, Holland House, by 20 lengths with Elegant Lord, the Irish-trained 13-8 favourite, a further eight lengths away in third. Double Silk, attempting to win the race for a second successive year under Ron Treloggen, faded into fifth after being prominent in the early stages.

Cool Dawn can rise to Lingfield heat

By Brian Beel

WITH the locally-trained Colonial Kelly likely to start favourite in The Times Rising Stars qualifier at Lingfield Park today, Cool Dawn may *prove the better value bet.*

Both horses come here with tall reputations from point-to-points, Colonial Kelly having won his last three and Cool Dawn both of his races this season, prior to running second to Mr Golightly in a hunter chase at Folkestone.

Last season Colonial Kelly was beaten only once in six outings, and that was on heavy ground at Penshurst. However, he handled soft ground when winning at Horseheath six weeks ago.

Cool Dawn made a winning reappearance at Larkhill in January and followed up at the same course, giving 4lb and a 20-length beating to Sorrel Hill. Although well beaten at Folkestone on heavy ground the winner, Mr Golightly, has since franked the form, winning Monday's Times qualifier at Taunton.

After Larkhill, Sorrel Hill went on to win the intermediate race at Great Trethew but was subsequently beaten into second place in soft ground at Ottery St Mary.

Polly's Clown, a maiden point-to-pointer, looks to have little chance, having pulled up at Charm Park last Saturday, but neither did Coverdale Lane before he won at Leicester. Both are trained by Carol Richardson.

THE TIMES RISING STARS

Only four go to the post but it should be an interesting contest in which **Cool Dawn** may just have the edge.

Today's point-to-point: South Cornwall, Great Trethew, 3 miles south east of Liskeard (first race, 12.00).

FAKENHAM

THUNDERER
2.10 Blair Castle. 2.40 Moynsha House. 3.15 Sweetly Disposed. 3.50 Valiant Warrior. 4.25 Nagobelia. 4.55 Itsgoneoff. 5.30 Indie Rock.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.25 Nagobelia.

Brian Beel: 4.55 Itsgoneoff.

GOING: GOOD SIS

2.10 HOLKHAM CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS MAIDEN HURDLE (Div I: £2,587: 2m) (10 runners)

1 0-PF JUST BRUCE 13 Mrs E Heath 6-11-8 ... J Supple –
2 2252 SALINGER 20 J Parkes 7-11-8 ... R McCarthy (4)
3 -04P SEBASTOPOL 64 (B) P Nicholls 6-11-8 ... Guy Lewis 92
4 0 WOODMANS STAR 37 J Sheehan 5-11-8 ... R John (4) –
5 0 CHAT-UP 20 J Fanshawe 5-11-3 ... P Smith Eccles –
6 3-00 CHINO'S DELIGHT 20 J Wharton 6-11-3 ... G Lee –
7 0/P EAGLE CHATTER 16 S Harris 7-11-3 ... T Eley –
8 50FP FRESH LADY 45 D Cosgrove 6-11-3 ... D Walsh –
9 5 BLAIR CASTLE 8 G Balding 4-11-0 ... A P McCoy 92
10 0P CALVARO 7 A Jarvis 4-11-0 ... P Morris 88

7-4 Salinger, 9-4 Blair Castle, 7-2 Sebastopol, 8-1 Chat-Up, 10-1 others.

2.40 PENNICK (GROUNDWORKS) LIMITED SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,772: 2m) (16)

1 623 NORTHERN STARLIGHT 81 P Nicholls 4-11-10 Guy Lewis (5) 82
2 214/ MAJOR FREDIE 1593 (D,G) S Harris 9-11-5 Mr I McLelland –
3 6/03 AUCTION KING 90 A Smith 6-11-4 ... S Turner 89
4 P00P COMSTOCK 99 (D,G) J Whyte 8-11-3 ... M Hourigan
5 F-61 MOYNSHA HOUSE 9 (S) B Curley 7-11-3 (6ex) ... E Murphy
6 0-34 BARAHIN 38F J Bridger 6-11-2 ... G Lee (5) 88
7 1P JOHN TUFTY 89 (D,G) J Pearce 4-11-1 ... J McLaughlin 84
8 1P0- WITCHWAY NORTH 380 (B,S) John Berry 5-11-0 S Lyons (3) 83
9 4-05 MISTER BLAKE 63F I Campbell 5-10-13 ... D Frodsham (7) 80
10 202P INZAR 62F W Musson 4-10-13 ... J R Kavanagh 93
11 F232 FERRUFINO 4 F Rich 7-10-12 ... P McDermott 94
12 0006 TYNRON DOON 39 (V,D,S) Mrs N Macauley 6-10-7 A S Smith 90
13 0025 WATER DIVINER 7 (D,F) K Wingrove 5-10-8 ... J Ryan 93
14 24U5 CELESTIAL DANCE 133 M Tompkins 4-10-4 ... A P McCoy 83
15 231/ BURTONWOODS BEST 1887 (G) S Harris 9-10-4 .. T Eley (8) –
16 0066 SPANISH WHISPER 7 (CD,G,S) J Bostock 8-10-4 J Supple (5) 86

2-1 Moynsha House, 4-1 Ferrufino, 5-1 Water Diviner, 7-1 others.

3.15 CASTLEACRE MAIDEN CHASE (£3,352: 3m 110yd) (8)

1 0/PP EJAY HAITCH 7 S Harris 10-11-5 ... T Eley (3) –
2 3003 GRIFFINS BAR 15 Mrs P Sly 7-11-5 ... R Marley 60
3 23F LARRY'S LORD 37 P Nicholls 6-11-5 ... C Maude
4 /04- MATAWAI 511 Mrs J Renfree-Barons 8-11-5 Mr G Shenkin (7) 84
5 -P0F MR DRUMMOND 7 A Jarvis 6-11-5 ... N Mann –
6 3P SWEETLY DISPOSED 78 N Henderson 7-11-5 J R Kavanagh –
7 4PP5 TRADER TYE 36 G Hubbard 7-11-5 ... A P McCoy –
8 05P0 WAYWARD EDWARD 43 (B) Mrs S Lamyman 9-11-5 F Leahy (5) 59

7-4 Larry's Lord, 5-2 Trader Tye, 3-1 Sweetly Disposed, 4-1 Matawai, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Miss C Saunders, 4 winners from 4 runners, 100.0%; O Brennan, 7 from 23, 30.4%; K Bailey, 6 from 20, 30.0%; N Henderson, 3 from 10, 30.0%; Mrs N Macauley, 3 from 11, 27.3%.

JOCKEYS: Mrs L Gibbon, 3 winners from 6 rides, 50.0%; J McLaughlin, 5 from 14, 35.7%; M Brennan, 7 from 29, 24.1%; R Farrant, 3 from 13, 23.1%; J Ryan, 3 from 21, 14.3%.

3.50 JEWSON HANDICAP CHASE (£4,699: 2m 5f 110yd) (8)

1 -555 CATCH THE CROSS 24 (V,D,F,G,S) K Morgan 9-12-0 A S Smith 97
2 1122 VALIANT WARRIOR 20 (F,G,S) M Hammond 7-11-5 D Bentley 98
3 06P0 ICARUS 7 (B,D,F,G) D Brown 9-11-4 ... R Farrant 91
4 42-F MR JAMBOREE 13 (F,G) K Bailey 9-11-3 ... F Leahy (5) 90
5 233P BOSTON ROVER 22 (F,G,S) O Brennan 10-10-1 .. M Brennan
6 1/33 CHARLTON YEOMAN 28 (B,F,G,S) R Rowe 10-10-0 Guy Lewis (5) –
7 PP44 YOUNG ALFIE 81 (B,S) J Parkes 10-10-0 ... J R Kavanagh 78
8 533F DENNINGTON 22 (B) G Hubbard 7-10-0 ... A P McCoy 71

6-4 Valiant Warrior, 5-2 Boston Rover, 7-2 Mr Jamboree, 5-1 Catch The Cross, 16-1 Charlton Yeoman, 20-1 Icarus, 33-1 others.

4.25 MIDDLETON AGGREGATES HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,814: 2m) (13)

1 044- EDEN'S CLOSE 294 (D,G) M Tompkins 6-12-0 .. A P McCoy 97
2 1P/0 COOLEY'S VALVE 20 (D,F) C Egerton 7-11-10 A Procter (3) –
3 4411 PINECONE PETER 28 (V,CD,F,G,S) O Brennan 8-10-13 M Brennan 90
4 -134 ROYAL CIRCUS 17F (D,BF,F,G) P Hiatt 6-10-10 D J Burchell 95
5 1344 NAGOBELIA 115 (CD,BF,F,G,S) J Pearce 7-10-9 J McLaughlin 96
6 1-P5 TIP IT IN 6 (D,G,S) A Smith 6-10-9 ... S Turner 94
7 24-0 REGAL AURA 181F (D,G) D O'Brien 5-10-9 ... G Hogan (5) –
8 1220 ATHERTON GREEN 42F (D,F,G) J Glover 5-10-6 .. A S Smith 95
9 0436 WORDY'S WONDER 16 (CD,G,S) L Wordingham 7-10-1 R Farrant 94
10 23FF ANNIE KELLY 20 (D,S) J Wharton 7-10-1 ... B Dalton 84
11 1324 TRISTAN'S COMET 38 (D,BF,G,S) J L Harris 8-10-1 T Dascombe (7)
12 80/2 FUTURE KING 11 (D,G) A Jarvis 8-10-0 ... P Morris (7) 96
13 2063 PETTAUGH 22 G Hubbard 7-10-0 ... J R Kavanagh 90

4-1 Pinecone Peter, 5-1 Atherton Green, 11-2 Nagobelia, 7-1 Royal Circus, Tristan's Comet, 8-1 Future King, Wordy's Wonder, 12-1 others.

4.55 WEST NORFOLK NOVICES HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £2,434: 2m 5f 110yd) (13)

1 1-11 ITSGONEOFF 28 (CD,G,S) Miss C Saunders 6-12-1 T Marks (7)
2 U-44 BERKANA RUN 12P (F) J Turner 10-11-9 Miss N Bothway (7) –
3 5-3U COLTRANE 10 L Bowles 7-11-9 ... Miss C Thomas (7) –
4 -4F4 COUTURE QUALITY 8P (F,G,S) Mrs J Read 9-11-9 S Cowell (7) –
5 -0F3 CRAZY OTTO 12P F Allan 9-11-9 ... Miss L Allan (7) –
6 2F-1 DRUMARD 19P (S) N Pomfret 7-11-9 ... A Sansome (7) –
7 P2-P FRAGRANT FELLOW 10 (F) Mrs L Lamb 11-11-9 A Pickering (7) –
8 /PPP MASTER SHIKARI 6P (F) M Bloom 6-11-9 ... N Bloom (7) –
9 12/4 MEND 426P (F) Mrs J Read 9-11-9 ... Mrs L Gibbon (3) –
10 1/PP PINOCCIO 23 (F) D O'Brien 8-11-9 ... G Brown (7) –
11 -58U RYDERS WELLS 13P (F) Mrs M Morris 8-11-9 K Needham (7) –
12 -484 SAINT BENE'T 5P (F) G Prodromou 7-11-9 ... A Coe (7) –
13 /PP6 NAUTICAL BELLE 6P (G) W Wales 11-11-4 ... W Wales (5) –

Evens Itsgoneoff, 4-1 Drumard, 7-1 Mend, 8-1 Couture Quality, Fragrant Fellow, 12-1 Berkana Run, 20-1 Ryders Wells, 25-1 others.

5.30 HOLKHAM CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS MAIDEN HURDLE (Div II: £2,587: 2m) (9)

1 00U0 FLINTLOCK 11 N Henderson 5-11-8 ... M Lane (4) 97
2 00 HI HEDLEY 37 G Hubbard 5-11-8 ... G Hogan –
3 5 INDIE ROCK 82 C Mann 5-11-8 ... D Fortt 98
4 05 KELLY MAC 29 D O'Brien 5-11-8 ... G Lee 80
5 PP LITTLE ROUSILLON 27 T Greathead 7-11-8 ... Philip Hughes –
6 02- SECRETARY OF STATE 368 C Egerton 9-11-8 ... A Procter
7 40 BURES 15F M Tompkins 4-11-0 ... P Maher 85
8 04 PLATINI 8 G Balding 4-11-0 ... A P McCoy 88
9 0 POMORIE 11 J Payne 4-10-9 ... F Leahy 91

9-4 Secretary Of State, 5-2 Indie Rock, 4-1 Flintlock, 5-1 Pomorie, 8-1 Platini, 12-1 Bures, 20-1 others.

LINGFIELD PARK

THUNDERER
2.00 Lyphard's Fable. 2.30 Colonial Kelly. 3.05 Mecado. 3.40 Cheeky Fox. 4.10 Le Ginno. 4.45 Doctor Death.

Brian Beel: 2.30 Cool Dawn.

GOING: SOFT (HEAVY PATCHES) SIS

2.00 NEWLEAF JUVENILE MAIDEN HURDLE (£2,206: 2m 110yd) (3 runners)

1 0P LYPHARD'S FABLE 11 T George 11-0 ... J Railton
2 PROFESSION 144F F Gray 11-0 ... M Crosse
3 RAQIB 151F P Ritchens 11-0 ... S Fox (5)

4-6 Lyphard's Fable, 3-1 Raqib, 7-2 Profession.

2.30 TIMES RISING STARS HUNTERS CHASE (Qualifier: £1,900 3m) (4)

1 11-1 COLONIAL KELLY 41P (F,S) Mrs D Grissell 7-11-12 P Hacking (3)
2 -112 COOL DAWN 23 (G,S) H Wellstead 7-11-12 Miss D Harding (7)
3 P3/P POLLY'S CLOWN 6P Miss C Richardson 8-11-12 P Murray (7)
4 -212 SORREL HILL 19P (G,S) Mrs R Vickery 8-11-12 Miss S Vickery (7)

5-4 Colonial Kelly, 7-4 Cool Dawn, 4-1 Sorrel Hill, 16-1 Polly's Clown.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: T Thomson Jones, 12 winners from 52 runners, 23.1%; D Murray Smith, 3 from 14, 21.4%; M Haynes, 7 from 35, 20%; J White, 10 from 57, 17.5%; D Grissell, 11 from 66, 16.7%.

JOCKEYS: Peter Hobbs, 8 winners from 37 rides, 21.6%; D Skyrme, 5 from 28, 17.9%; J Railton, 7 from 46, 15.2%; D Gallagher, 11 from 84, 13.1%. Only qualifiers.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Cheltenham: 2.50 Super Mali. 4.00 Dont Tell The Wife. 4.35 Goolds Gold. 5.10 Microlite. Fakenham: 2.40 Witchway North.

3.05 LAMBERT & FOSTER SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,824: 2m 110yd) (5)

1 B610 MECADO 16 (V,G,S) F Yardley 8-12-0 ... D Gallagher
2 3430 KNYAZ 23 (B,S) Mrs L Richards 5-10-12 ... D Fortt (5)
3 4413 CHEVELEY DANCER 9 (D,S) D Wilson 7-10-6 P McLoughlin (3)
4 0035 GARDA'S GOLD 68 (B,CD,S) R Dickin 12-10-2 D Meredith (3)
5 6506 BAN RI 23 A Neaves 5-10-0 ... P Holley

7-4 Cheveley Dancer, 11-4 Mecado, 3-1 Garda's Gold, 5-1 Knyaz, 12-1 Ban Ri.

3.40 SET ASIDE NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,377: 2m) (5)

1 605F FAMOUS DANCER 4 (S) J Jenkins 7-11-10 ... D Gallagher
2 0104 CHEEKY FOX 15 (B,G,S) J White 9-11-8 ... P McLoughlin (3)
3 3603 HANDSOME NED 23 (B,G,S) D Grissell 9-11-1 ... J Railton
4 -544 RICHU 16 (F) G Thorner 7-11-0 ... Peter Hobbs
5 0P42 JOKER JACK 4 (F,S) R Dean 10-10-3 ... P Holley

2-1 Handsome Ned, 5-2 Cheeky Fox, 3-1 Famous Dancer, 5-1 Richu, 6-1 Joker Jack.

4.10 NUTLEY NOVICES CHASE (£2,898. 3m) (7)

1 304F DIVINE CHANCE 9 (B,S) N Gaselee 7-11-8 ... J Railton
2 5PPP I'M IN CLOVER 8 T Thomson Jones 6-11-8 ... Peter Hobbs
3 KANCELSKIS D Murray Smith 6-11-8 ... P Holley
4 FP3F LE GINNO 6 (B,BF,G,S) C Brooks 8-11-8 ... D Gallagher
5 P456 WODEHOUSE 77 J Bosley 10-11-8 ... M Bosley
6 2053 CAPPUCCINO GIRL 28 (G) F Gray 8-11-3 ... M Crosse
7 PF0F IN THE CHOIR 32 R Alner 7-11-3 ... Maj O Ellwood

11-10 Le Ginno, 3-1 Divine Chance, 5-1 Kancelskis, 7-1 Wodehouse, 10-1 Cappuccino Girl, 16-1 In The Choir, 25-1 I'm In Clover.

4.45 GUMMER HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,562: 2m 110yd) (3)

1 121U NAMASTE 9 (CD,G,S) R Hoad 7-11-10 ... Peter Hobbs
2 -P03 SCENT OF BATTLE 4 (D,S) M Haynes 7-10-1 ... D Skyrme
3 6F1P DOCTOR DEATH 4 (V,S) M Dixon 4-10-0 ... D Gallagher

4-5 Namaste, 5-2 Doctor Death, 11-4 Scent Of Battle

□ The Peter Chapple-Hyam-trained Erin Bird has been selected to represent Britain in the Keio Hai Spring Cup in Tokyo on April 22.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Cheltenham

Going: soft

2.15 DAILY EXPRESS TRIUMPH HURDLE (Grade I: 4-Y-O: £39,098: 2m 1f)
KISSAIR b g Most Welcome - Salonniere (T Benson) 11-0 J Lower (16-1) 1.
Silver Wedge ch g Silver Hawk - Wedge Musical (Mrs S Robins) 11-0 N Williamson (7-1) 2.
Anzum b g Ardross - Muznah (The Old Foresters Partnership) 11-0 W Marston (9-1) 3.
ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Balanak, 10 Brave Tornado (6th), Greenback, 12 Majestic Man, 14 Lady's Vision (f), Slompin, 16 Uncle Doug (pu), 20 Clifton Beat (5th), Golden Arrow, 25 Noteomplainingbut, 33 Amancio, Dr Leunt, 50 Glorietle (4th), Shoofk, 66 Marino, 100 Gobsmacked, Tukano, 200 Ainsi Soit Il, Astral Invasion, Mamnoon, Nashville Star (pu), Ozzie Jones (pu), Sweet Trentino. 26 ran. NR: Backgammon, Glamour Game. 6l, 2½l, 3l, nk, 3½l. M Pipe at Wellington. Tote: £24.00; £4.30, £1.90, £2.40, £33.70. DF: £118.70. Trio: £223.30. CSF: £109.19. Tricast: £985.86. Dr Leunt finished second but after a stewards' inquiry was disqualified.

2.50 BONUSPRINT STAYERS' HURDLE (Grade 1: £47,422: 3m 110yd)
DORANS PRIDE ch g Orchestra - Marians Pride (T Doran) 6-11-10 J P Broderick (11-4 fav; Richard Evans's nap) 1.
Cyborgo b g Cyborg - Quintessence III (County Stores (Somerset) Holdings Ltd) 5-11-10 R Dunwoody (3-1) 2.
Simpson ch g Royal Match - Black Penny (M Jarvis) 10-11-10 T Grantham (10-1) 3.
ALSO RAN: 5 Hebridean (4th), 6 Bokaro (pu), 10 Halkopous (f), 20 Her Honour (5th), Sweet Glow (pu), 33 What A Question, 100 Spring Marathon, 200 Cardinal Red (6th). 11 ran. NR: Chance Coffey. 5l, 5l, sh hd, 6l, dist. M Hourigan at Ireland. Tote: £3.30; £1.40, £1.70, £3.80. DF: £4.90. Trio: £51.70. CSF: £10.49.

3.30 TOTE CHELTENHAM GOLD CUP CHASE (Grade 1. £122,540: 3m 2f 110yd)
See facing page

4.05 CHRISTIES FOXHUNTER CHASE CHALLENGE CUP (Amateurs: £15,582: 3m 2f 110yd)
FANTUS b g Green Shoon - Brave Dorney (J Keighley) 8-12-0 Miss P Curling (8-1) 1.
Holland House b g Sunyboy - Norma Can (E Knight) 9-12-0 Mr C Vigors (50-1) 2.
Elegant Lord ch g Lord Ha Ha - Giolla Sheen (J McManus) 7-12-0 Mr A J Martin (13-8 fav) 3.
ALSO RAN: 11-4 Double Silk (5th), 6 River Bounty (pu), 12 Teaplanter (ur), 14 Sandybraes (pu), 20 Ryde Again (6th), 33 Davy Blake (4th), Faithful Star (pu), Royal Jester, 50 Celtic Abbey (f), Qualified. 13 ran. 20l, 8l, 6l, 9l, 20l. Richard Barber at Beaminster. Tote: £12.40; £2.60, £12.50, £1.50. DF: £208.10. Trio: £472.70. CSF: £264.05.

4.40 123rd YEAR OF THE CHELTENHAM GRAND ANNUAL CHASE CHALLENGE CUP (Handicap: £23,373: 2m 110yd)
SOUND REVEILLE b g Relkino - Loughnavalley (Mrs G Abecassis) 7-10-10 G Bradley (7-1) 1.
Auburn Castle b g Good Times - Glorious Jane (Rashleigh Arms Charlestown St Austell) 6-10-0 J Osborne (7-2) 2.
Around The Horn b g Strong Gale - Tou Wan (Pell-mell Partners) 8-10-8 S McNeill (7-2) 3.
ALSO RAN: 3-1 fav Thumbs Up (4th), 6 Big Matt (5th), 7 Cyphrate (pu), 66 Dr Rocket (6th), 100 Mr Felix. 8 ran. NR: Parliament Hall. 1¼l, ¾l, hd, 25l, 30l. C Brooks at Lambourn. Tote: £9.40; £2.20, £1.60, £1.50. DF: £15.50. Trio: £20.00. CSF: £28.64. Tricast: £87.12.

5.15 CATHCART CHALLENGE CUP CHASE (£29,552: 2m 5f)
COULTON ch g Final Straw - Pontevecchio Due (M St Quinton) 8-11-7 J Osborne (11-2) 1.
Sullane River b m Over The River - Chorabelle (S Lucy) 7-10-12 M Dwyer (10-1) 2.
Gaelstrom b m Strong Gale - Ammonit (Mrs J Powell) 8-10-12 D Bridgwater (9-4 fav) 3.
ALSO RAN: 4 All The Aces (5th), 6 Lusty Light (pu), Southolt (4th), 20 Gallateen (6th), 33 Bart Owen, Master Boston, 50 Dark Oak, 100 Tug Of Peace. 11 ran. Hd, 10l, 6l, 3l, 8l. O Sherwood at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £6.70; £2.30, £2.40, £1.50. DF: £51.50. Trio: £31.70. CSF: £53.09.

5.50 VINCENT O'BRIEN COUNTY HANDICAP HURDLE (Grade III: £23,000: 2m 1f)
HOME COUNTIES ch g Ela Mana Mou - Safe Home (Roxy Cinemas (Dalton) Ltd) 6-10-12 D J Moffatt (14-1) 1.
Family Way b g Deep Run - Miss Miller (J McManus) 8-10-8 F Woods (8-1) 2.
Test Match ch g Glenstal - Reprint (K Oulton) 8-10-0 Diane Clay (100-1) 3.
Inchcailloch b g Lomond - Glowing With Pride (F Carter) 6-10-0 N Williamson (25-1) 4.
ALSO RAN: 6 fav Pridwell, 7 Squire Silk, 8 Blast Freeze, 9 Diplomatic, 12 Great Marquess (5th), Salwan, 14 Bramblebery, Palacegate King, 16 Arabian Bold, Kharasar, Nemuro, 20 Daring Past, 33 Final Run, Keep Me In Mind (6th), Kilcash, Vasiliev, 50 Dernier Blanc, Kiveton Tycoon, Zealous Kitten. 23 ran. Hd, 3l, 2½l, 3l, 1½l. D Moffatt at Cartmel. Tote: £15.60; £3.20, £2.60, £12.80, £5.40. DF: £57.00. Trio: £7,100.00 (0.1 winning tickets. Pool of £8,521.88 carried forward to 3.25 at Cheltenham today). CSF: £119.98. Tricast: £9,641.65.

Jackpot: £206,642.60 (0.10 winning tickets. Pool of £261,941.44 carried forward to Cheltenham today).

Placepot: £66.70.

Quadpot: £25.80.

Lingfield Park

Going: standard

1.40 (7f) 1, Greatest (G Carter, 8-1); 2, Mr Nevermind (3-1); 3, Spencer's Revenge (13-8 fav). 9 ran. Sh hd, hd. R Akehurst. Tote: £9.30; £1.50, £1.50, £1.10. DF: £23.10. CSF: £32.47.

2.10 (1m) 1, Green's Bid (Miss R Clark, 10-1); 2, Sherblu (7-1); 3, Don't Drop Bombs (100-30). Respectable Jones 5-2 fav. 11 ran. Sh h, 6l. D Chapman. Tote: £11.70; £1.70, £2.30, £1.60. DF: £32.30. CSF: £74.70. Tricast: £261.49.

2.40 (1m 4f) 1, Prince Danzig (J Weaver, 10-1); 2, Able Choice (9-2); 3, One Off The Rail (20-1). Power 3-1 fav. 14 ran. 1¾l, 1¾l. D Murray Smith. Tote: £18.20; £4.00, £3.60, £7.10. DF: £75.00. CSF: £61.13. Tricast: £860.90.

3.10 (6f) 1, Sir Tasker (S Sanders, 6-1); 2, Rocky Waters (9-4 fav); 3, Twice In Bundoran (33-1). 11 ran. NR: El Taurus, Robo Magic, Silent Expression. 6l, 3½l. J L Harris. Tote: £8.90; £2.10, £1.70, £33.80. DF: £18.70. CSF: £20.20.

3.45 (7f) 1, Gulf Shaadi (S Whitworth, 4-5 fav); 2, Soaking (12-1); 3, Sweet Supposin (3-1). 8 ran. NR: Prima Silk. Hd, hd. G Lewis. Tote: £1.80; £1.10, £3.50, £1.60. DF: £18.40. CSF: £13.56.

4.15 (1m 2f) 1, Camden's Ransom (B Doyle, 9-1); 2, Zuno Noelyn (6-1); 3, Kintwyn (6-1). Lady Williams 5-1 fav. 14 ran. Nk, 1½l. H Rowsell. Tote: £23.50; £4.00, £5.20, £3.50. DF: £86.80. CSF: £63.99. Tricast: £334.33.

4.45 (5f) 1, Dolly Face (J Weaver, 7-2); 2, Nordico Princess (9-4 fav); 3, Distant Dynasty (8-1). 9 ran. NR: Farfelu. Sh hd, 3½l. W Muir. Tote: £3.20; £1.40, £1.90, £3.50. DF: £3.90. CSF: £11.91. Tricast: £54.75.

5.15 (1m) 1, Indian Serenade (Miss A Elsey, 5-1); 2, Pair Of Jacks (3-1); 3, Bold Habit (9-4 fav). 11 ran. 1l, 1¼l. P Harris. Tote: £5.30; £2.10, £1.40, £1.50. DF: £14.30. CSF: £22.39. Tricast: £42.75.

Placepot: £224.30.

Quadpot: £7.70.

Hexham

Going: heavy

2.00 (2m 110yd ch) 1, Super Sandy (K Johnson, 3-1); 2, Pariah (8-11 fav); 3, Briar's Delight (4-1). 4 ran. 6l, 15l. F Walton. Tote: £5.40. DF: £2.20. CSF: £5.41.

2.35 (3m hdle) 1, Flat Top (J Driscoll, 5-2 fav); 2, Sireric (8-1); 3, Mister Muddypaws (7-2). 12 ran. NR: Tricycling. 4l, dist. M W Easterby. Tote: £2.60; £2.10, £1.60, £1.80. DF: £12.50. CSF: £22.41.

3.15 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Green Trix (Mr D Parker, 11-4); 2, Blazing Dawn (3-1); 3, Another Dyer (6-4 fav). 6 ran. 9l, 30l. C Parker. Tote: £3.30; £1.50, £1.40. DF: £8.10. CSF: £10.82.

3.50 (2m hdle) 1, Miss Jedd (R Murphy, 8-1); 2, Shemba (8-1); 3, Zeaheyah (2-1 fav). 7 ran. 3½l, 15l. W Young. Tote: £12.60; £3.40, £6.00. DF: £36.20. CSF: £50.66.

4.25 (4m ch) 1, Viva Bella (J Burke, 4-1); 2, Diamond Fort (7-2 jt-fav); 3, Pink Gin (11-2). Gala Water 7-2 jt-fav (pu). 8 ran. ½l, dist. Mrs S Bramall. Tote: £3.30; £2.00, £1.40, £2.00. DF: £2.80. CSF: £18.78. Tricast: £72.77.

5.00 (3m hdle) 1, Manwell (E Callaghan, 20-1); 2, Very Evident (6-1); 3, Rua Ros (7-2). Lion Of Vienna 5-2 fav (pu). 9 ran. 3l, 15l. B Temple. Tote: £55.50; £5.70, £2.90, £1.60. DF: £69.70. CSF: £141.53. Tricast: £491.13.

5.35 (2m flat race) 1, Daisy Days (F Leahy, 6-1); 2, Valisky (20-1); 3, General's Orders (1-2 fav). 10 ran. 3½l, 30l. J Johnson. Tote: £8.60; £2.50, £2.40, £1.10. DF: £300.00. CSF: £117.68.

Placepot: £857.80. Quadpot: £39.80 (0.40 winning tickets; pool of £32.28 carried forward to Cheltenham today).

British rallying lines up a famous father-and-son combination

Clark returns to the family business

Oliver Holt finds the competitive fires still burning in a former RAC Rally champion



Matthew Clark, left, and Roger Clark look forward to the first round of the British rally championship. Photograph: Doug Marke

A small traffic jam was building up, tailing back from the duck pond to the cattle grid on the track that led to Roger Clark's Leicestershire farmhouse. A photographer headed the line, a sponsor sat in the next car and, behind them both, one of his family waited patiently. Britain's most famous rally driver is back in the limelight.

In front of the pond, Clark, round and avuncular now, posed for pictures with his son, Matthew, in front of a gleaming Subaru Impreza. The winner of the RAC Rally in 1972 and 1976, he has not driven in a modern-day competition for eight years. Today, though, he will start as a leading contender in his category in the Vauxhall Rally of Wales, the first round of the Mobil 1/*Top Gear* British rally championship.

The fuss seems to have taken him by surprise. He pours scorn on the idea of his participation in the two-day event being in any way a comeback or a step up from his recent programme. Sarcasm assails suggestions that the historic rallies he has concentrated on since his retirement from the world rally championship in 1980 might not have been as competitive. "I'd call London to Sydney fairly competitive," he said.

In other ways, though, Clark has played astutely on his status as one of only two Britons to have won the RAC Rally to get exactly what he wanted. Subaru, which gave Colin McRae the chance to emulate Clark's win on home ground last year, must have found the sense of symmetry involved in Clark driving an Impreza throughout the British rally championship this year supremely attractive. Clark made sure that part of the deal was that his son, one of the most promising young drivers, was provided with a sister car.

In some ways, the drama would have been all the greater if the RAC Rally jinx that afflicted British drivers in the wake of Clark's second win was still there to be broken. It will be a powerful story when both British victors compete in the event in November, but, until then, most attention is likely to focus on the old man guiding his son towards the upper echelons of the sport.

"The whole arrangement suits Matthew and me very well," Clark said. "He is one of the up-and-comings and I have got a lot of history behind me. As for this being some sort of departure for me, well I don't see it as a leap at all. I just like sitting in a motor car and enjoying motor sport. It does not matter what sort it is. It is driving. The discipline is still winning and looking after your car. I was a professional at 23 and I have been out there ever since. The cars have got a lot better technically, but you are still beating people and they haven't changed."

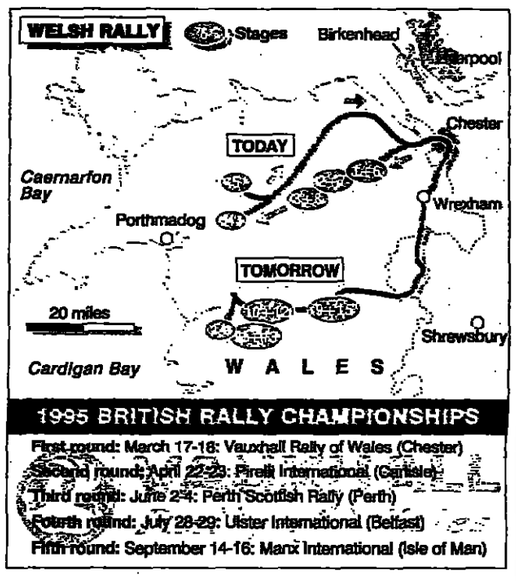
Francois Delecour, of France, is the hot favourite to win the rally — the first of five events that make up a remodelled championship bolstered by the presence of seven leading manufacturers — even though a change in the rules means turbo-charged, four-wheel drive Group A cars such as his Ford Escort Cosworth will be ineligible for the championship as a whole.

Formula Two cars, led by teams fielded by Vauxhall, Renault, Nissan, Ford, Honda, Peugeot and Volkswagen, will challenge for the title, which is held by David Llewellin and the Clarks' Group N cars will compete for the Production Cup. The Welsh rally is the first of five rounds of the championship, although the Clarks will miss the English event in April to compete in the historic London-Mexico rally.

Clark is not worried about the possibility of being beaten by his son. "If a 24-year-old cannot beat a 55-year-old, there is something wrong with the 24-year-old," he said, "but an old head can gain many points by experience and I hope to help Matthew that way."

Matthew, a leaner and hungrier version of his father who has had to cope with great expectations being heaped upon him because of his name, is staking everything on this year. "It will be the decider of how seriously I continue with the sport. If I do well, I am going to press hard and really give it a go," he said.

Roger Clark just lets it all flow over him. He trains by swimming a bit and walking a lot and is the epitome of a no-nonsense attitude, solid and resolutely down-to-earth, unaffected by envy of the salaries his successors earn. "We earned enough to do the job in those days and we were quite happy with that. They were small amounts by today's standards, but that's inflation and that's life, isn't it?"



1995 BRITISH RALLY CHAMPIONSHIPS

First round: March 17-18: Vauxhall Rally of Wales (Chester)
Second round: April 22-23: Pirelli International (Carlisle)
Third round: June 2-4: Perth Scottish Rally (Perth)
Fourth round: July 28-29: Ulster International (Belfast)
Fifth round: September 14-16: Manx International (Isle of Man)

Blundell in Mansell's testing seat

BY OLIVER HOLT

MARK BLUNDELL moved a step closer to replacing Nigel Mansell for the first two races of the new Formula One season when he tested the McLaren-Mercedes at Estoril, Portugal, yesterday.

The McLaren team spent most of the day preparing a press release at their factory in Woking, heightening speculation that they were about to announce Mansell's impending absence from the races in Brazil and Argentina because the cockpit of the car is too small for him. Later last night, they said an announcement would be made within the next 48 hours.

Mansell's agent, Sue Membery, said that he did not wish to comment on the situation until McLaren had made a statement. It seems increasingly likely, however, that Blundell will be in the car and that Mansell will not race until the San Marino Grand Prix, at Imola on April 30.

The abortive start to the season is not only frustrating for Mansell and an embarrassment for McLaren and Mercedes but also highly irritating for Marlboro, the McLaren sponsors, who have an important market in South America.

In the past, Mansell has been famous for shrugging off discomfort in the cockpit. He was sick in to his helmet during an IndyCar race in Michigan in 1993. This time the problem, which centres on the shape of his thighs, appears to have defeated him.

Carpet firm bags sporting double act

We numbered about 200, were probably meant to be more: a glance at the London Hilton on Park Lane grand ballroom's expanse of finger-buffet food — which contained the sort of selection you encounter in "all you can eat for $7.99" in Florida restaurants — gave that impression. We, then, the sub-200 of whom one in five wore house colours of dark green blazer with matching trousers/skirt, made small talk, sipped at half-filled glasses of white or pink Gascon wine, and nodded to Harvey Smith and Darren Gough, the England cricketer, until the organisers suggested it was time to take our seats for the launch.

I looked around me: as Wasp a collection of people as you would encounter in the metropolis that evening: average age age 40, average accent north of Watford, nicely-behaved, keen.

I had forgotten about horses called Everest something or other that became household names for those who watch show jumping. I had never made the connection between double glazing and jumping a treble ... until the managing director of Fitted Carpets International (FCI) introduced Harvey Smith and his young equestrian protégé, Angela Bell, whom the company sponsors. People who go to Windsor and other up-market horse shows are the very ones who buy double glazing — and will now avail themselves of fitted carpets.

People who need carpets, as we apparently all do every six years, used to go to carpet shops. Ho, ho, ho, what an obsolete excursion. With FCI there is a van, usually operated by a couple both wearing green blazers, who arrive at your door with 1,500 different kinds of floor covering. Vans are cheaper than shops. Green-blazer couples are self-employed, highly-trained, motivated. The strength of FCI is that the customer doesn't buy the carpet until you, the franchisee, have sold it and there is no credit.

By 1998, 300 FCI franchisees are expected and the first one has already signed up. "They came racing over from Middlesbrough to be the first UK couple to embrace this company and will be trained at Carpet College, Atlanta. Take a bow." An unexceptional couple stand up radiating a mixture of sheepishness and high expectation. We applaud.

In God's good time there shall be a Carpet College in



FREUD ON FRIDAY

Yorkshire also; FCI is run out of Wetherby, hence Smith and Gough. I omitted to mention that my presence was due to an invitation which requested the pleasure of my company to launch the product, then meet these great men.

Gough, known to his friends as "The Dazzler", sat with me at a small ballroom table and we discussed his new-found fame. "Well yes, it's grand; it were always my boyhood ambition to become a hero. I'm looking for an agent. I want to do TV."

Gough, 24, exudes Yorkshire decency, is a great fan of Richie Richardson, the West Indies captain, and admires Ian Botham, whom he has not really met but from whom he receives messages of support. Gough's first son, born during the Brisbane Test match, is called Liam James — just like Botham's. He lives in a village near Barnsley, his fame has made the family proud and socially in demand.

The England all-rounder — "at present I am a bowler who can bat a bit" — is slighter than he appeared when he was the only optimistic thing on our nocturnal television screens during the Australian tour and we talk of the England team — "all good men"; and the sacking of Keith Fletcher — "he were a good man, did a lot for the team". Fred Trueman — "a role model".

I ask him about his connection with the company whose green blazer he wears. He has only just met them and repeats that he needs an agent. To negotiate a fee? "I get no fee." Why are you here then? "I'm building a new house and they are giving me the carpet." I tell him that an agent might not be that high a priority.

Smith looms up, just as the invitation promised. He is 57, looks ruddy and fit and is busy training racehorses with his wife, Sue, and does after-dinner speeches. How many? "Well, last February I did 28." He also appears in theatres doing unscripted 2½-hour one-man shows.

Smith expands a bit on his life: he has never read a book; never written a letter and what I should realise about horses "which is what makes or breaks show jumpers" is that you don't go out to find them. You stay home waiting for them to find you.

FCI's UK managing director passes by and asks if he can be of assistance, alternatively could I give him a tip for Cheltenham. I provide him with one that falls at the first fence. Gough is talking to sports journalists about his osteopath and Angela Bell — of whom Harvey Smith says "nothing to hold her back if she got the right horse" — explains that the 1996 Olympics (which will be held near Carpet College, in Atlanta) definitely features in her medium-term plans. What a lot I did not know.



KIPPA MATTHEWS

Gough, better known for his role as an England cricketer, tries out a new pitch

RADIO CHOICE

Something to chew over

Speaking as an Expert. *Radio 4, 8.50pm.*

There are more eloquent ways for a fledgeling restaurant critic to describe the gulping down of an oyster than: "Cor blimey! Could have picked that one straight out of the waves!". But then, Laurie Taylor is no Jonathan Meades. And, in the first of his audaciously rib-tickling series in which he pretends to be what he is not, he confesses that he is better equipped to discuss the crisis in post-industrial capitalism than write gourmet prose more relevant to Francis Bacon than smoked bacon. He gives himself five days to become an Egon Ronay expert. His nearly stumbles at the first hurdle. He learns that the pigeon on his plate lived on its mother's regurgitated sick.

Gathering Winter Fuel. *Radio 3, 10.45pm.*

Britain was not a good place to be in the winter of 1947. There was a serious coal shortage. Power stations got priority; industry was hit, shops had empty shelves. Lorry drivers and dock workers stopped working. And that was only act one. Act two was the Big Freeze. Snow and ice blanketed the country. Businessmen were seen going home with blankets under their arms. There were ice floes in Folkestone harbour. Big Ben was minus some of its chimes. Act three was no better. Floods everywhere. The events and sounds recalled in Colin McLaren's history of a wicked winter include a snatch from a popular song of the day, *Patience and Fortitude*. It was Britain's unofficial national anthem.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. **4.00am** Clive Warren **6.30** Steve Wright **9.00** Simon Mayo, featuring Wet Wet Wet live for Comic Relief **12.00** Lisa I'Anson **2.00pm** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier. live from Belfast for the Northern Ireland heat of War of the Noses, and including at **4.20** *The Amazing Spiderman*, and at **5.30-5.45** Newsbeat **7.00** Pete Tong **10.00** John Peel **1.00am** The IFM Rap Show

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Panel Beaters (2/4) **7.30** Friday Night is Music Night **8.45** Treasure Island (8/10) **9.00** Listen to the Band **10.00** Seamus McKee with the Radio 2 Arts Programme **12.05am** Digby Fairweather **1.00** Charles Nove

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** The Breakfast Programme **8.35** The Magazine, including at **9.40** Video Review; **10.35** Euronews; **11.00** Chain Reaction **12.00** Midday with Mair, including at **12.34pm** Liz Barclay with Moneycheck **2.05** Ruscoe on Five **2.35** Comic Relief Sports Quiz, hosted by Eleanor Oldroyd **4.00** Nationwide **7.00** News Extra **7.35** Parkinson on Sport **9.35** Off Piste **9.35** Now the Good News **10.05** Stop Press, with John Diamond **10.35** Financial Week **11.00** Night Extra, including at **11.45** The Financial World Tonight **12.05am** After Hours **2.05** Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.00am Maurice Dee and Carol McGiffen **10.00** Scott Chisholm **1.00pm** Anna Raeburn **3.00** Tommy Boyd **7.00** Samantha Meah and Sean Bolger **10.00** Caesar the Geezer **1.00am** Wild Al Kelly

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** Fruhmagazin **5.00** Newshour **6.00** Morgenmagazin **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.15** *The Inseperable Twins* **7.30** Russia's Runaway Revolution **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Music Review **9.00** News **9.05** Business Report **9.15** Global Concerns **9.30** On the Move **9.45** Sport **10.00** News **10.01** Focus on Faith **10.30** The Soul Show **11.00** Newsdesk **11.15** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **12.00** News **12.10pm** Words of Faith **12.15** Russia's Runaway Revolution **12.45** Sport **1.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** *The Inseperable Twins* **2.45** Global Concerns **3.00** News **3.15** Music Review **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.05** Business Report **5.15** BBC English **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.00** News **7.05** Outlook **7.30** Russia's Runaway Revolution **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** The World Today **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** News **10.05** Business **10.15** Politics **10.45** Sport **11.00** News **11.30** Multitrack **12.00** News **12.15am** The Desert of Marv **12.30** From the Weeldes **12.45** The Learning World **1.00** News **1.05** Outlook **1.30** Worldbrief **1.45** Jazz **2.00** News **2.30** Politics **3.00** News **3.15** Sport **3.30** Vintage Chart **4.00** News

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Angela Rippon **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Classic Reports **7.00** Classic Verdict **8.00** Evening Concert **10.00** Michael Mappin, including at **11.00** Friday Live **1.00am** André Leon

VIRGIN

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Wendy Lloyd **7.00** Paul Coyte **11.00** Nick Abbot **2.00am** Howard Pearce

RADIO 3

6.30am Open Universality: Maths: Composite Functions
6.55 Weather
7.00 On Air: Bach (Toccata and Fugue in F); Debussy (Preludes Nos 1-3, Book 1); **7.32** *Quartet Collection*: Haydn (String Quartet in G minor, Op 74 No 3); **8.05** Mussorgsky (St John's Night on the Bare Mountain, original version); Massenet (Que mes soeurs sont heureuses, Cendrillon); Strauss (Duett-Concertino)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Wagner.
10.00 Musical Encounters: Strauss (Serenade, Op 7); **10.10** *Artist of the Week*: Dmitri Hvorostovsky, baritone. Rachmaninov (Aleko's Cavatina, Aleko); **10.17** Bax (Symphony No 2); Debussy (Trois chansons de Charles d'Orléans); Schumann (Fantasiestücke, Op 111); Bridge (Enter Spring)
12.00 Voices: Songs by Schubert, Beethoven and Schumann (r)
1.00pm St David's Hall Lunchtime Recital: Camrina Quartet. Mozart (String Quartet in G); Debussy (String Quartet in G minor)
2.00 Schools
3.00 Mining the Archive: Time Regained. The violinist Ida Haendel
4.20 Hits of the Forties
4.30 Music of the Silk Road
5.00 The Music Machine
5.15 In Tune
7.30 Towards the Millennium: Mary King, mezzo; Andrew Ball, piano; Kreutzer Quartet. Poulenc (Banalités); Philipp Jamach (Der Amumer Tagebuch); Elizabeth Luiyens (The Actress; Progression; The Songster; The Repentance of Lady T; Lady Rogue Singleton, Songs of Stevie Smith); Britten (A Charm of Lullabies); **8.15** Catching the Eye **8.35** Philip Cashian (So Lonely, BBC commission, first performance); Paul Bowles (Settings of Tennessee Williams: Lonesome Man; Three; Sugar in the Cane); John Cage (A Room; The Wonderful Widow of Eighteen Springs; A Room); Montsalvatge (Canciones negras)
9.30 Britain in Pictures
9.50 BBC Philharmonic under Günter Herbig. Bruckner (Symphony No 9 in D minor)
10.45 Friday Feature: Gathering Winter Fuel: See Choice
11.30-12.30am Midnight Oil

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** *News* **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Discs (r)
9.45 Feedback, with Chris Dunkley
10.00-10.30 News; Listen to the Cinema! (FM only): Action, Mystery and Adventure
10.00 An Act of Worship (LW only)
10.15 Something Understood (LW only): Youth without Reward. A spiritual anthology
10.30 Woman's Hour
11.30 The Natural History Programme
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm The Food Programme **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Mateo Falcone: Peter Mackie's dramatisation of the classic short story by Prosper Mérimée (r)
3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope in New York: Tim Marlowe reports on the opening of Brian Friel's play. *Translations*, on Broadway
4.45 Telling Stories: Sean Campion reads *Our Genius* by Robert Cremins (r)
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 News 6.30 Going Places
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week
8.05 Any Questions? From Easingwold, North Yorkshire, with Nicholas Raynsford, MP; Sir Nicholas Scott, MP; Alex Salmond MP, leader of the SNP; and Arthur Scargill, president of the NUM
8.50 Speaking As an Expert: See Choice
9.15 Letter from America
9.30 Kaleidoscope Feature: Some Enchanted Evening with Bryn Terfel. The bass-baritone talks to the pianist Iain Burnside (r) **9.58** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Diary of Adam and Eve. Miranda Richardson concludes her reading of Mark Twain's comic fable (r)
11.00 Week Ending
11.25 Tea Junction: With Patrick Hannan and guests
11.45 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW)

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Jackie the First Lady, a mystery to the last

REVIEW



Lynne Truss

Traditionally, in any tale of double-cross, politics, murder, love and money, it is pretty easy to spot the mastermind. You just see who is still standing at the end, holding the suitcase full of dosh. Applying this narrative principle to the real-life biography of Jackie Onassis is a pleasant pastime, but one in which last night's **Secret Lives** (Channel 4) understandably did not indulge. Leaving the high-flown conspiracy theories to Oliver Stone, *Secret Lives* just got as far as it could (not far) with a story notoriously fogged by reticence and cover-up. In other words, it was a brave idea, but doomed. Infiltrating the true story of the Kennedy family is a bit like trying to get Jeremy Beadle into a Corleone wedding.

What came across, in fact, was the same old icon — the curiously squished facial features, the firm chin, the hair like a permanent widow's veil. I had assumed that the film set out to demolish a myth, but the myth survived virtually unchipped. Jackie was addicted to spending other people's money; she may have started her affair with Onassis before Dallas: Onassis planned to divorce her, but died before he got the chance. She knew all about JFK's infidelities and was persuaded by joint family pressure not to divorce him. But because she spoke to no one about any of this, her secret life remains simply that. Only when they dramatise it with Joanne Whalley-Kilmer in the lead (it will happen, surely) will speculation start to hold sway.

She had colossal nerve, apparently. As First Lady, here she was on television, conducting a gracious tour of White House objets d'art for CBS — all soft voice, Mary Tyler Moore figure, and teensy *flick-ups*. *In swimmy black and white, she* indicated the antique tables she'd restored, while America watched agog. Nothing so odd about this, you might think, but she appears to have given the performance "live" on air, without rehearsal or preparation, immediately subsequent to an important state dinner. Her producer was still amazed at her performance. But she had been bred to it, you see. She had been bred to wear sunglasses in that particular way: to wear headscarves so that they didn't blow off. Those of us who stuck loyally with *The Buccaneers* feel we know all about the New England class system. Kennedy was lucky to get her. So was Onassis.

Analogies with royalty came along unprompted. "The nearest thing America ever had to a princess," said somebody, instantly making you feel sorry for *her and worry about the availability of staircases. Just like an old-*fashioned princess, Jackie was adored for nothing more than her taste in clothes; and above all, for keeping her mouth shut, by order of the family firm. When Marilyn Monroe sang "Happy Birthday, Mister President" at the White House, Jackie was tactfully elsewhere — in Virginia, riding horses.

Secret Lives is a peculiar mishmash — sometimes straight biography, sometimes including dramatisations, and irritatingly cautious about making claims for new insights. Like BBC 2's superior *Reputations* (which included hubby Aristotle Onassis in the last series), *Secret Lives* seems not to care whether revisionism is attempted; if its material represents news to the viewer, that's good enough. I assume all the money insights were new; lawyers acting for Onassis said she spent his money wildly in New York while banking her allowance ($30,000 a month) against a rainy day. In effect, they said, she was defrauding him.

You wish they would come clean about the lines of inquiry that stumped them. Yes, it gets tiresome watching Nick Broomfield fruitlessly shoving his microphone into the faces of people who won't talk, but with a story like Jackie's perhaps it's excusable. Last night's film included interviews with John Kennedy's secretary, and when *she was asked how much Jackie* knew about the President's adulteries, she threw back her head and laughed unstoppably, like the wicked queen in *Snow White*.

You don't have to be Oliver Stone to concoct wild conspiracy theories around such a foggy story as Jackie's. And in case anybody thinks paranoia is old hat, **The X Files** (BBC 2) is currently training up a new generation to believe, first, "The Truth is Out There" but at the same time "Trust No One". With its confusing but plausible plots, quasi-scientific claptrap, beauteous male star, bippedy-boppedy theme music and plucky absence of peripherals, *The X Files* has caught on in a very big way. Recently I received a promotional *X Files* baseball cap in the post, but wearing it around Brighton shopping districts has elicited such an alarming degree of vocalised envy *that I now go bare-headed even in* the rain.

The series ended last night with Agent Mulder ("Fox" to his friends, if only he had any) discovering yet again that the conspiracies about aliens go deeper than he suspected. Honestly, for an FBI man, isn't he *sweet*? Down on Pandora Street (nice name), Mulder unlocked a storage container and found to his considerable amazement grown naked men gestating in softly-lit tanks, green gunge coursing through their veins instead of blood, rather like a Damien Hirst installation. What was going on here? Well, it was an experiment in DNA transplants, using bacteria found in recovered aliens — but of course, when Mulder returned next morning ("Wait till you see this!"), there was just an empty room. Darn. Still, it wasn't all bad news. At least that all-knowing "Deep Throat" character appears to be dead now, his last words being "Trust no one". Even in death that man was smug.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (81098)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (95037746)

9.05 Kilroy (s)(5188017)

10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7573098) **10.05 EastEnders — The Early Days** (r). (Ceefax) (8573901)

10.35 Good Morning with Anne and Nick (s) (7825765)

12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1331456) **12.05pm Pebble Mill** with Gloria Hunniford (s) (7107369) **12.55 Regional News** (Ceefax) and weather (15730475)

1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (51562)

1.30 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (77484949) **1.50 Crown Prosecutor** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (35644456) **2.20 Holiday** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (74435017) **2.50 The Flying Doctors** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (1522272) **3.35 Bugs Bunny** (2823982)

3.45 Children's Comic Relief (7057659)

5.00 Newsround (6746727) **5.10 Maid Marian and Her Merry Men** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (8710123)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (386562)

6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (659)

6.30 Regional news magazines (611)

7.00 CHOICE **The Night of Comic Relief: Chris Evans — Don't Forget Your Nose.** (Ceefax) (s) (840746)

7.05 Old Macdonald (560098) **7.15 Richard Wilson — Christmas in Africa** (584678) **7.25 Oliver 2 — Let's Twist Again**. The saga of the boy who asked for more. Oliver is now an adult (573562) **7.35 Wet Wet Wet** (450307) **7.40 Damien's Story**. The first in a series of videos by those who have been helped by the charity (163369) **7.50 Ginormous Ginger Climax** (422524)

8.00 French and Saunders and Much More (600272)



Icecapades in aid of charity (8.30pm)

8.30 Torvill and Bean (600272) **8.50 Snog-A-Thon** (755659)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (2123) **9.30 Harry Enfield and His Charity Chums** (997949) **9.35 Oliver 2 — Let's Twist Again.** (993098) **9.45 Clean, Clean Water.** (906562) **10.00 Rory Bremner** (590185) **10.10 Michelle's Story** (573543)

10.15 Ruby's Million (572814)

10.20 Wayne, Waynetta and Lloyd 10.30 Smith and Jones and Wood (547369) **10.40 Alan Partridge in Norwich** (811456) **10.45 Victoria Wood — Living without Water.** Victoria Wood presents a diary of her stay with a family in Zimbabwe (834307) **10.55 Dawn.** Dawn French plays the new Oprah Winfrey (200307) **11.20 Reeves and Mortimer** (722123)

11.30 Lenny Henry Presents "Belfast Live" (18253) **12.30am Late and Languid with Jonathan Ross** (92586) **1.00 Comedy Film of the Nation's Choice.** During the evening, viewers will have the chance to vote for one of the following films to be shown *Blazing Saddles* (1974), *Carry on Camping* (1969), *The Pink Panther* (1964) or *Little Shop of Horrors* (1986) (350673) **2.50 Weather** (3116708)

BBC2

6.20am Open University: Physics of Matter (7047494) **6.45** Engineering: Linkage Mechanisms (2800678) **7.10** East Meets West: Asian Familes, Western Culture (5183524) **7.35** Technology: Eurekaargh! (5793949)

8.00 Breakfast News (Ceefax and signing) (6467659) **8.15 Germany 1925-32** (b/w) (4524814) **8.20 Boating Butler** (r) (3035678) **8.50 A Week to Remember** (b/w) (6024611)

9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, for children, **10.00-10.25** Playdays (8591307) **2.00pm-2.10** Johnson and Friends (87809272)

2.15 Sport on Friday. World Cup skiing from Bornio, Italy, a preview of the England v Scotland five nations' championship match; and highlights from the world figure skating championship (s). Includes **News** and weather at **3.00** (308678) **3.50 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (8755185)

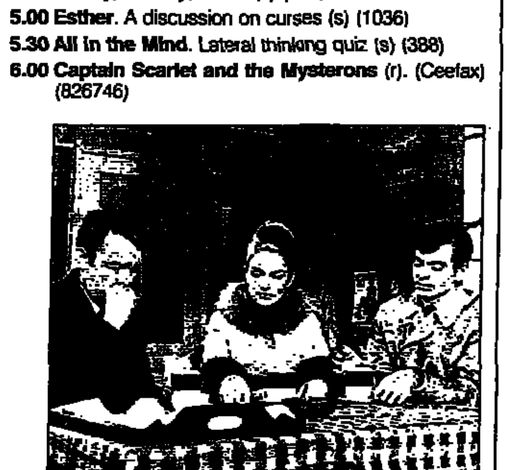
4.00 Today's the Day. Recent history quiz (s) (524)

4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (s) (956)

5.00 Esther. A discussion on curses (s) (1036)

5.30 All in the Mind. Lateral thinking quiz (s) (388)

6.00 Captain Scarlet and the Mysterons (r). (Ceefax) (826746)



Do-gooders Damon, Gaunt, Bastedo (6.25pm)

6.25 CHOICE **The Champions: The Beginning.** *(Ceefax)* (283833)

7.15 The O-Zone Pop music (s) (487291)

7.30 Operavox. Animated version of Puccini's opera *Turandot*. With the orchestra, soloists and chorus of the Welsh National Opera (Ceefax) (s) (765)

8.00 The Photo Show. (Ceefax) (s) (9320)

8.30 Gardeners' World. (Ceefax) (s) (6727)

9.00 Two's Comedy. A *Comic Relief* special featuring clips from some of BBC2's comedy shows. (Ceefax) (s) (2415)

9.30 CHOICE **Russian Wonderland.** (Ceefax) (806036)

10.20 Travel Show — Short Cuts. Coffee-time in London (591949)

10.30 Newsnight with Peter Snow. (Ceefax) (455746)

11.15 Weatherview (979104). **Wales:** Welsh Lobby (182758) 11.45 Weather (939746) 11.50 Tribute to Nigel Finch (778369) 12.45am-2.50 Film: Revolution (91021760)

11.20 Tribute to Nigel Finch: Chelsea Hotel A documentary portrait of the famous New York hotel. (Ceefax) (602942)

12.20am FILM: Revolution (1985) starring Al Pacino. The story of the American Revolution as seen through the eys of an average man. Directed by Hugh Hudson. (Ceefax) (s) (10543470). Ends at **2.25**

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CHOICE



Natasha begs on Moscow streets (BBC2, 9.30pm)

Russian Wonderland
BBC2, 9.30pm

Stories of daily life in Boris Yeltsin's Russia are transmitted with a directness and intimacy made possible by lightweight camcorders. Natasha is a perky and appealing six-year-old who supports her family by going begging on the streets of Moscow. Her main targets are motorists stuck in traffic jams. Few resist her beguiling charm. Natasha, her mother and brother are refugees from Ukraine. Disqualified from state benefits, they share a hotel room with another family. Their dream of their own home seems far away. Another film features Julia, a 28-year-old mother of two who killed her violent husband with a kitchen knife. She is shown trying to pick up the threads after an early release from prison.

The Champions
BBC2, 6.25pm

The latest BBC raid on Lord Grade's archives comes up with this daftly enjoyable series from 1968 about a trio of troubleshooters endowed with telepathic powers. They can also see and hear about 100 times better than the rest of us. We meet them first in a low-budget version of Tibet where they are stealing a deadly virus from the villainous Chinese. Several frames of unconvincing model work later, our heroes are downed in a plane crash. The dialogue can hardly cope. "Nobody knows whether we're gonna to make it, Sharron," grits Craig Stirling (Stuart Damon), "but one thing's for sure, we're soon gonna find out." Alexandra Bastedo plays Sharron Macready and William Gaunt, as Richard Barrett, completes the threesome.

The Night of Comic Relief
BBC1, from 7.00pm

Torvill and Dean become Torvill and Mr Bean as Rowan Atkinson takes to the ice for Red Nose Day. Look out, too, for Archbishop Desmond Tutu playing a sheep in a celebrity rendition of *Old MacDonald's Farm*. The Comic Relief evening is a bit like a party where everybody is expected to do a turn and nobody worries if the singing is dreadful and the jokes fall flat. As usual the star turns are interspersed with reports from the front line, with Richard Wilson visiting Uganda, Billy Connolly in Mozambique and Victoria Wood in Zimbabwe. The contentious stuff is reserved for later when Jo Brand, Julian Clary and Ben Elton celebrate St Patrick's Night in Belfast.

Missing
ITV, 9.00pm

Fiona Foster and Alastair Stewart reopen the missing persons file, providing peak-time entertainment for the television millions and, perhaps, effecting the odd tearful reunion. The justification for exposing private grief to the public gaze is that ends can justify means. The Green family, at least, would agree. We hear the story of 25-year-old Paul, who disappeared in May last year but turned up after an appeal on a previous programme. The mother of Stephen Holmes must be hoping for a similar miracle. Stephen vanished in December 1978 when he was 16 but his mum has never given up the search. The other item is about the growing number of middle-aged men who abandon their homes and families. **Peter Waymark**

CARLTON/LWT

6.00am GMTV (7539253)

9.25 Chain Letters (s) (3974185)

9.55 London Today (Teletext) and weather (8578456)

10.00 The Time . . . the Place. With John Stapleton (s) (7603036)

10.35 This Morning. (26260307) **12.20pm London Today** (Teletext) and weather (1320340)

12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (2809123)

12.55 Coronation Street (r). (Teletext) (2884814) **1.25 Home and Away** (Teletext) (57791630)

1.55 The Chrystal Rose Show. Frank debates with a studio audience (s) (35861123)

2.25 A Country Practice . Kate meets a mysterious young woman (s) (74438104)

2.50 High Road (7956678) **3.20 ITN News** headlines (Teletext) (6785017) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (6784388)

3.30 Rosie and Jim (s) (2840659) **3.45 Warner Brothers Cartoons** (2838814) **4.00 Zzzap!** (r) (s) (8871727) **4.15 Tiny Toon Adventures** (6199814) **4.40 The Geeks**. With guests East 17 and Gladiators, Hunter and Lightning. (Teletext) (s) (9723901)

5.10 After 5 with Caron Keating (Teletext) (6954630)

5.40 News (Teletext) and weather (364475)

6.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (813272)

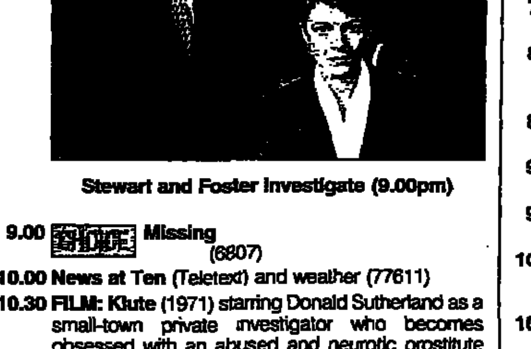
6.25 London Tonight (Teletext) (538920)

7.00 Bruce Forsyth's Play Your Cards Right. Game show where prizes can be won or lost on the turn of a card. (Teletext) (s) (5098)

7.30 Coronation Street. Steve plays a dangerous game. (Teletext) (291)

8.00 The Bill: Alone. Deakin makes an error in judgment which results in a hostage situation. (Teletext) (4746)

8.30 The Upper Hand. Twee romantic comedy starring Joe McGann, Diane Weston and Honor Blackman. Charlie almost brings the house down (Teletext) (s) (3253)



Stewart and Foster Investigate (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE **Missing** (6807)

10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (77611)

10.30 FILM: Klute (1971) starring Donald Sutherland as a small-town private investigator who becomes obsessed with an abused and neurotic prostitute (Jane Fonda). Directed by Alan J. Pakula (43147562)

12.35am London Tonight (Teletext) (5929789)

12.45 Get Wet (4059012)

1.05 The James Whale Show. Late-night entertainment (s) (6560963)

2.05 The Chart Show (s) (6687760)

3.00 Noisy Mothers. Rock and heavy metal music magazine (s) (3094012)

3.55 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (s) (8857296)

4.30 The New Music featuring Treble Charger and Vanessa Williams (51944)

5.30 ITN Morning News (14296). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35am Spiff and Hercules (r) (2804494)



Zig, Gaby Roslin, Paul Ross and Zag (7.00am)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (41185)

9.00 You Bet Your Life (r) (s) (94388)

9.30 Schools. Eureka! (5301098) **9.45** Stop Look Listen (5399253) **10.00** Fourways Farm (7580388) **10.10** Maths Everywhere (1628104) **10.25** Eurokids (1623659) **10.40** Off Limits (4835861) **11.05** Schools at Work (6336494) **11.11** Time for Maths (6288475) **11.22** Stage One (6268611) **11.40** Time Capsule (s) (4899659)

12.00 The Secret Life Of... The Fax Machine (Teletext) (r) (74524)

12.30pm Sesame Street (50185)

1.30 The Magic Roundabout followed by **The Wombles, Paddington** and **The Clangers** (r) (13901)

2.00 Channel 4 Racing From Cheltenham. Live coverage of the **2.15, 2.50, 3.25** and **4.00** races (s) (199630)

4.30 Countdown. (Teletext) (s) (104)

5.00 Cutting Edge: Casino (Teletext) (r) (s) (5611)

6.00 Blossom Blossom runs away from home. (Teletext) (s) (369)

6.30 Moviewatch Four young Brummies offer their opinions on *Little Women*, starring Winona Ryder and Susan Sarandon, *IQ* with Tim Robbins and Meg Ryan, and *Immortal Beloved* starring Gary Oldman and Isabella Rossellini (s) (949)

7.00 Channel 4 News followed by weather (Teletext) (497494)

7.50 You Don't Know Me But... Unsolicited advice for an unsuspecting celebrity (s) (448562)

8.00 Gardens Without Borders: Italy. Alan Mason and Jill Cowley travel to a truly classical garden in the heart of Verona. (Teletext) (s) (2388)

8.30 Brookside. Another chilling message is delivered to the Jordaches (Teletext) (s) (4123)

9.00 Ellen: The Trainer. Ellen gets a workout when she impersonates a physical trainer. (Teletext) (s) (5833)

9.30 Rising Damp Rigsby is told about a new man in Ruth's life (r). (Teletext) (34494)

10.00 Roseanne: Bed and Bored. Roseanne swings the lead and stays in bed in order to gain sympathy and attention. (Teletext) (s) (75253)

10.30 The Jack Dee Show. With guest Daryl Hall. (Teletext) (r) (s) (705253)

11.05 The Word. A leap into the madding crowd with Terry Christian and guests Alan Connor and Jasmine Dottiwala. (s) (706017)

12.05am Beavis and Butt-Head (s) (4262437)

12.35 FILM: Static (1985). Quirky satire of small-town America starring Keith Gordon as a young man who goes to extraordinary lengths to get the media to pay attention to his strange invention. With Amanda Plummer, Bob Gunton and Barton Heyman. Directed by Mark Romanck. (108166)

2.15 FILM: Lord Edgware Dies (1934, b/w). Austin Trevor as Agatha Christie's sleuth, Hercule Poirot, who uses his "little grey cells" to solve the murder of an elderly aristocrat. Ends at **3.35**. (4856166)

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Anglia News (8578456) **12.20pm-12.30** Anglia News (1320340) **1.55** The Young Doctors (77472104) **2.20-3.20** Murder, She Wrote: The Committee (4346611) **3.25-3.30** Anglia News (6784388) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (6954630) **6.25-7.00** Anglia Weather followed by Anglia News (538920) **10.30** Anglia News (565765) **10.40** Love Call Live (161524) 11.40 Bodies of Evidence (774543) **12.35am** The Hidden Room (4330673) **1.05** The New Music (6560963) **2.05-3.00** The James Whale Show (6687760) **3.55** Get Stuffed (59920944) **4.05** Cue the Music (9929505)

CENTRAL
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Central News (8578456) **12.20pm-12.30** Central News and Weather (1320340) **1.55** A Country Practice (77472104) **2.20** Wish You Were Here . ? (74420185) **2.50** Zoo Life with Jack Hanna (7863388) **3.15-3.20** The Cookery Club (6788104) **3.25-3.30** Central News (6784388) **5.10-5.40** Eye TV (6954630) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (538920) **10.30** Central News and Weather (565765) **10.40** Central Weekend (5878140) **12.10am-1.05** Magnum (2896789) **4.25** Get Stuffed (22263555) **4.30** Jobfinder (5796166) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (7054012)

GRANADA
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Granada News (8578456) **12.20pm-12.30** Granada News (1320340) **12.55** Shortland Street (2884814) 1.25 Home and Away (87401833) 1.50 Dr Quinn, Medicine Woman (6800123) **2.50-3.20** Wish You Were Here...? (7956678) **3.25-3.30** Granada News (6784388) **5.10-5.40** High Road (6954630) **6.25** Granada Tonight (993982) **6.50-7.00** Kick Off (858630) **10.30** Granada News (800340) **10.35** To Live and Die in LA (12523388) **12.35am** Eye TV (4330673) **1.05** The James Whale Show (6560963) **2.05** The Chart Show (6687760) **3.00** Noisy Mothers (3094012) **3.55** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (8857296) **4.30-5.30** The New Music (51944)

HTV WEST
As London except: 9.55-10.00 HTV West Headlines (8578456) **12.20pm-12.30** HTV West News and Weather (1320340) **1.55** High Road (35861123) **2.25-3.20** Murder, She Wrote (3842369) **3.25-3.30** HTV West Headlines (6784388) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (6954630) **6.30-7.00** HTV News (307) **10.30** HTV West Headlines and Weather (565765) **10.40** Late and Live (5878140) **12.10am-1.05** Father Dowling (2896789)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 9.55-10.00 HTV Wales News (8578456) **12.20pm-12.30** HTV Wales News and Weather (1320340) **3.25-3.30** HTV Wales News (6784388) **6.30-7.00** Wales Tonight (307) **10.30** HTV Wales News and Weather (565765) **10.40** Wales This Week (927562) **11.10-1.05pm** High Desert Kill (295562)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (77472104) **2.20-2.50** Houseparty (74420185) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (6954630) **6.00-7.00** Meridian Tonight (31307) **10.40** Street Legal (191901) **11.35** Phoenix (406630) **12.35am** The Hidden Room (4330673) **1.05** The New Music (6560963) **2.05-3.00** The James Whale Show (6687760) **3.55** Get Stuffed (59920944) **4.05** Cue the Music (9929505) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (80876)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.55 Murder, She Wrote (6809494) **2.55-3.20** A Country Practice (7862659) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (6954630) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (31307) **10.40** Spellbinder (53952494) **12.30am-1.05** Coach (6869215)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (77472104) **2.20-3.20** Murder, She Wrote (3852746) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (6954630) **5.55** Calendar (825833) **6.30-7.00** Superchamps (307) **10.30** Calendar News and Weather (565765) **10.40** Music and Movies (927562) **11.10** The Hidden Room (911920) **11.40** Sayonara (82236036) **2.15am** The James Whale Show (404470) **3.15** The Big E (3022895) **4.10** Shift (2095437) **5.00-5.30** Sportsworld (80876)

S4C
Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (41185) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (94388) **9.30** Ysgolion (275524) **12.00pm** The Secret Life Of... The Fax Machine (74524) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (14630) **1.00** Sesame Street (19185) **2.00** Channel 4 Racing From Cheltenham (199630) **4.30** Saved By The Bell, The College Years (104) **5.00** 5 Pump - (6104) **5.30** Countdown (456) **6.00** Newyddion (284746) **6.15** Heno (275949) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (6340) **7.30** Penwythnos Mawr (833) **8.00** Cefn Gwlad Achub Dar (2388) **8.30** Newyddion (4123) **9.00** Ffau'r Llewod (624388) **9.45** Out Of Order (399272) **10.00** Brookside (75253) **10.30** The Jack Dee Show (705253) **11.05** The Word (706017) **12.05am** Beavis and Butthead (4262437) **12.35** Static (108166) **2.15** Lord Edgware Dies (4856166)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (58663) **8.00** The Mighty Morphin Power Rangers (22185) **8.30** Blockbusters (21456) **9.00** The Oprah Winfrey Show (71123) **10.00** Concentration (63833) **10.30** Card Sharks (34920) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (97388) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (25272) **12.30pm** Anything But Love (74036) **1.00** St Elsewhere (62291) **2.00** It Tomorrow Comes (64562) **3.00** The Oprah Winfrey Show (6090307) **3.50** The DJ Kat Show (4906475) **3.55** Double Dragon (8565765) **4.30** The Mighty Morphin Power Rangers (5104) **5.00** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (5017) **6.00** Murphy Brown (3369) **6.30** Family Ties (7949) **7.00** Rescue (6746) **7.30** M*A*S*H (6833) **8.00** The Andrew Newton Hypnotic Experience (5494) **8.30** Coppers (4901) **9.00** Walker Texas Ranger: Action-drama with Chuck Norris (89982) **10.00** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (99369) **11.00** David Letterman (610746) **11.50** Littlejohn (395185) **12.40am** Chances (3266296) **1.30** WKRP in Cincinnati (79321) **2.00-6.00** Hit Mix Long Play (5560532)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour
6.00am Sunrise (1304611) **9.30** Worldwide Report (12098) **10.30** ABC Nightline (32562) **11.00** News and Business (725104) **1.30pm** CBS News This Morning (84727) **2.30** Parliament Live (48104) **3.30** This Week in the Lords (5727) **4.00** News and Business (58524) **5.00** Live at Five (8240901) **6.05** Richard Littlejohn (19200982) **7.30** O.J. Simpson Trial Live (2822727) **11.30** CBS News (43524) **12.30am** ABC News (84578) **1.30** Target (51470) **2.30** Parliament Replay (35321) **3.30** This Week in the Lords (47166) **4.30** CBS News (39596) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (72234)

SKY MOVIES
6.00am Showcase (1254611) **10.00 Robot Wars** (1993) (45524) **12.00 Across the Great Divide** (1977) (78765) **2.00pm Norma Rae** (1979) (13949) **4.00 How to Steal a Million** (1966) (76173746) **6.05 Robot Wars** (1993) As 10am (19237036) **8.00 Love Potion No 9** (1992) (73402307) **9.40 US Top Ten** (171949) **10.00 Silver** (1993) (476340) **11.50 The American Samurai** (1991) (797017) **1.20am Company Business** (1991) (528147) **2.55 Murder on the Rio Grande** (1993) (3113925) **4.25-6.00 Across the Great Divide** (1977) As noon (511091)

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm Law and Order (1953) (99307) **8.00 Ryan's Daughter** (1970) (38345982) **10.10-12.15am Christmas in July** (1940) (694456)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am If I Were King (1938) (28291) **8.00 Les Miserables** (1988) (3631982) **8.50 Oliver Twist** (1986): Cartoon (9139663) **9.50 That Kind of Woman** (1959) (29432524) **11.30 Waterhole No Three** (1967) (75376369) **1.10pm Call Northside 777** (1948) (81507543) **3.00 Danny the Champion of the World** (1991) (39588123) **4.40 Oliver Twist** (1986). As 8.50am (9862272) **5.30 Overboard** (1987) (52307) **7.30 The Movie Show** (9543) **8.00 Solar Crisis** (1992) (96272) **10.00 Bugsy** (1991) (20117727) **12.15am Daughters of Satan** (1972) (109760) **1.50 Coopersmith** (1991) (4460505) **3.15-4.45 Desperate Justice** (1993) (89088692)

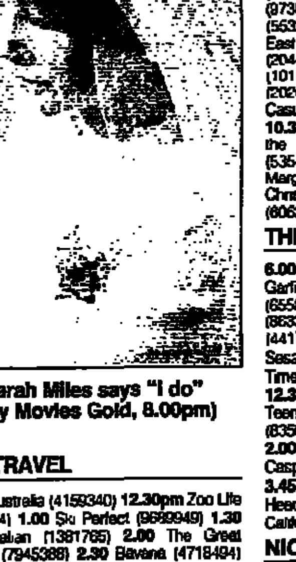
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SKY SPORTS
7.00am Soccer News (4820727) **7.15** WWF Action Zone (590727) **8.15** Soccer News (2643456) **8.30** Transworld Sport (45681) **9.30** Aerobics (70659) **10.00** Rugby Union (67861) **10.30** ATP Tennis (30543) **11.00** Bootroom (11982) **12.00** Aerobics Oz Style (54123) **12.30pm** Schoolboy Football. Scotland v Wales (78543) **2.30** Snooker (64291) **4.30** Transworld Sport (95140) **5.30** Soccer Magazine (6494) **6.00** Soccer Weekend (82494) **7.00** The Big League. Live: St Helens v Bradford Northern (948681) **9.30** Snooker (61307) **11.30** Sky Soccer Weekend (89340) **12.30am** The Big League (28760) **2.30-3.00** Soccer (64050)

SKY SPORTS 2
6.00am Max Out (4719123) **6.30** Badminton. Live (1770524) **10.30** Yachting (5438340) **11.30-12.00** World Sport Special (4227630)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Tennis (20630) **8.00** Snowboarding (46104) **8.30** Freestyle Skiing (36307) **9.30** Nordic Skiing (52630) **10.30** Football (67388) **12.00** Football (55611) **1.30pm** Trial (15611) **2.30** Athletics (86388) **3.30** Nordic Skiing (8748727) **4.20** Live Nordic Skiing (16397982) **6.00** Live Speed Skating (55949) **8.00** News (6388) **8.30** Boxing (77794) **10.00** Report (39901) **11.00** Trial (27543) **12.00-12.30am** Eurosport News (78447)

SKY SOAP
8.00am Loving (4156253) **8.30** Peyton Place (4155524) **9.00** As the World Turns (4361982) **10.00** Guiding Light (9665369) **11.00-12.00** Another World (9678633)



Sarah Miles says "I do" (Sky Movies Gold, 8.00pm)

SKY TRAVEL
12.00 Australia (4159340) **12.30pm** Zoo Life (1382494) **1.00** Ski Perfect (9689949) **1.30** Cook Italian (1381765) **2.00** The Great Escape (7945388) **2.30** Bavaria (4718494) **3.00** American Vacation (4698659) **4.00** Travel Review (4709746) **4.30** Zoo Life (4798630) **5.00** The Great Escape (7929340) **5.30-6.00** Cook Italian (4789982)

TLC
9.00am A Brush with Ashley (2946456) **9.30** Madeleine Cooks (5157272) **10.00** Talking Heads (2978630) **10.30** Only Human (3526098) 11.15 Draw with Don (95375123) **11.30** Life is for Living (6511235) **12.00** The Buzz (2959920) **12.30pm** Being There (5168388) **1.00** Madeleine Cooks (8546494) **1.30** A Brush with Ashley (5167659) **2.00** Parents Talking (2048949) **2.30** Discovering Psychology (1094727) **3.00** House Style (2027456) **3.30-4.00** Acorn (1099272)

UK GOLD
7.00am Give Us a Clue (8516253) **7.30** Neighbours (8535388) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (2958291) **8.30** EastEnders (2957562) **9.00** The Bill (2948814) **9.30** All Creatures Great and Small (5967098) **10.30** Casualty (1248291) **11.30** Terry and June (4711253) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (2968678) **12.30pm** Neighbours (5160746) **1.00** EastEnders (8515524) **1.30** The Bill (5189017) **2.00** My Name is Harry Worth (2040307) **2.30** Triangle (1096185) **3.00** Knots Landing (6616889) **4.00** Dallas (7161974) **5.00** Every Second Counts (9738678) **5.35** The Dick Emery Show (5532938) **6.50** Hi-De-Hi (4824307) **6.30** EastEnders (1011494) **7.00** Sweet Sixteen (2044123) **7.30** Father, Dear Father (1017678) **8.00** The Dawson Watch (2020543) **8.30** Fresh Fields (2049678) **9.00** Casualty (9748036) **10.00** The Bill (2969307) **10.30** Miami Vice (6014253) **11.30** Top of the Pops (4284543) **12.05am** Dr Who (5354234) **12.35** FILM: Murder Ahoy (1964): Margaret Rutherford's final outing as Agatha Christie's amateur sleuth Miss Marple (6062128) **2.15** Shopping at Night

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Sesame Street (6000727) **6.55** Garfield (7560901) **7.25** Eek the Cat (6558582) **7.55** Degrassi Junior High (8633794) **8.25** Super Mario Brothers (4417388) **8.45** Casper (1518291) **9.00** Sesame Street (44017) **10.00** It's Droibee Time (12659) **12.00** Garfield (67611) **12.30pm** Eek (96611) **1.00** Beverly Hills Teens (84659) **1.30** Super Mario Brothers (83504017) **1.45** Baby Follies (83582272) **2.00** Barney (5814) **2.30** Babar (8036) **3.00** Casper (1746036) **3.15** Bill and Ted (429630) **3.45** Sonic the Hedgehog (428901) **4.15** Head to Head in 3D (1342659) **4.30-5.00** California Dreams (8272)

NICKELODEON
7.00am Nickalive! (4628369) **7.15** Pee-Wee (538727) **7.45** Rugrats (537098) **8.15** Doug (622630) **8.45** Nickalive! (8353036) **9.00** Nick Jr (318098) **12.00** Where on Earth is Carmen San Diego? (52765) **12.30pm** The Muppet Show (72017) **1.00** Smoggies (13340) **1.30** Galaxy High School (71388) **2.00** Alvin (9098) **2.30** Henry's Cat (3920) **3.00** Grimmy (1833) **3.30** Where on Earth is Carmen San Diego? (5765) **4.00** Rude Dog (4272) **4.30** Rugrats (7776) **5.00** Clarissa (3678) **5.30** Odyssey (4036) **6.00** Doug (1949) **6.30-7.00** Afraid of the Dark? (5901)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm Earth Tremors (8861956) **5.00** Biography (1125562) **5.55** Only in Hollywood (6727104) **6.05** Beyond 2000 (4412272) **7.00** The Orient (2042765) **7.30** Paramedics (1008920) **8.00** Jurassica (2028185) **8.30** Terra X (2030920) **9.00** Around Whicker's World — The Ultimate Package (9744678) **10.00** Future Quest (2967949) **10.30** Next Step (2943369) **11.00** First Flights (8511415) **11.30-12.00** The X-Planes (2974814)

BRAVO
12.00 FILM: Curtain Up (1952) (6924949) **1.30pm** Smothers Brothers (5154185) **2.00** The Avengers (2973185) **3.00** Rat Patrol (2014982) **3.30** Hogan's Heroes (1093098) **4.00** FILM. Thunder in Carolina (1960) (2025098) **6.00** It's Garry Shandling's Show (1082982) **6.30** The Wild Wild West (1293307) **7.30** Saber of London (1002746) **8.00** The Avengers (9711340) **9.00** The Twilight Zone (3466365) **9.30-12.00** FILM: Lady Caroline Lamb (1973) (3767663)

UK LIVING
6.00am Agony Hour (6924388) **7.00** Living (8432746) **8.00** Front Gardens (2839807) **8.30** Rendezvous (3289348) **9.00** All Well and Good (3089140) **9.30** Kate and Allie (7209814) **10.05** Now You See It (4037730) **10.30** Susan Powter (7899104) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (7938901) **12.00** A Taste of Wales (6399291) **12.35pm** Rendezvous (48183369) **1.05** Kilroy (8136814) **2.00** Agony Hour (1816562) **3.00** Living (7512524) **3.45** Gladrags (65012369) **4.00** Infatuation UK (9139543) **4.30** Crosswits (9135727) **5.00** Mediterranean Cookery (3351340) **5.35** Mr and Mrs Show (7988920) **6.05** The Susan Powter Show (8208494) **6.30** Infatuation (9130272) **7.00** Living (9689745) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (9696494) **9.00** FILM: Something So Right (1982) (98016949) **10.55** Enjoy! (2641794) **11.00** Sex Life (1451524) **11.30-12.00** Infatuation UK (1811017)

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00pm Dangermouse (9494) **5.30** Blade Warriors (545838) **6.25** All Clued Up (258307) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit (8630) **7.30** My Two Dads (7901) **8.00** Road to Avonlea (83982) **9.00** Moonlighting (83746) **10.00** Family Catchphrase (89340) **10.30** GP (84388) **11.00** Lou Grant (94036) **12.00** Rhoda (46857) **12.30pm** Big Brother Jake (48316) **1.00** Dangermouse (23692) **1.30** Trivial Pursuit (68895) **2.00** Moonlighting (81878) **3.00** Lou Grant (30925) **4.00** Rhoda (18895) **4.30** Big Brother Jake (11857)

MTV
5.00am Wildside (86505) **6.30** The Grind (67494) **7.00** Wildside (86630) **8.00** VJ Ingo (224185) **11.00** Soul (75901) **12.00** Greatest Hits (17104) **1.00pm** Snowball (39611) **3.00** Zig and Zag (6307) **3.30** Report (3425235) **3.45** Cinematic (2970140) **4.00** News (1354494) **4.15** 3 from 1 (1344017) **4.30** Dial MTV (8630) **5.00** Music Non-Stop (80562) **7.00** Greatest Hits (89920) **8.00** Most Wanted (48274) **9.30** Beavis and Butt-Head (18833) **10.00** Report (205630) **10.15** Cinematic (200185) **10.30** News (376833) **10.45** 3 from 1 (371388) **11.00** Party Zone (59123) **1.00am** Soul (87437) **2.00** The Grind (96873) **2.30** Videos (9378012)

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'Arrogant' England start as clear favourites to dash Scotland's hopes

Carling looks beyond drive for grand slam

BY DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

ENGLAND, short-price favourites at 2-11 to win rugby union's five nations' championship and grand slam against Scotland at Twickenham tomorrow, wound down their preparations yesterday with a declaration of intent by Will Carling, their captain.

"I believe that if we fulfil our potential we will win the game," Carling said. "We have to be big enough to accept the mantle of favouritism but we also need to win for the sake of this team and for what is still to come in the World Cup in South Africa.

"The game with Scotland is everything now. But within minutes of the final whistle it will be assessed in terms of the World Cup. There are a number of things we hope to put into practice because it is the last chance we will get before we leave for South Africa."

Without holding any hostages to fortune — Craig Chalmers, the Scotland stand-off half, was already referring at Edinburgh Airport to English arrogance — Carling expressed his confidence in a team which has won all five of its internationals this season. But he welcomed the build-up against the championship's other unbeaten team as replicating the intense interest sure to greet England when they establish themselves in Durban for the World Cup in May.

"We have reacted very well so far but I believe this team is capable of more," Carling said. He denied that the events of 1990, when both countries went unbeaten into the final championship round at Murrayfield and Scotland won, had acted as a reference point this week, though it is hard to imagine that so climactic a match has not played its part in the preparations of both teams.

Scotland, whose price is 7-2, were amused to find the captain of their flight south was one David Carling — not known to be a relation. Gavin Hastings, their captain, was invited by an American journalist with a limited knowledge of rugby to describe Saturday's occasion: "It's like the Super Bowl," Hastings replied, "only bigger."

Emphasising the commercial arena into which rugby is also moving, Iain McLauchlan, the Scottish squad's business adviser, said that Kenny Logan and Peter Wright had turned down substantial appearance fees so that they could concentrate upon the match tomorrow. This area impinges increasingly upon the England players, and whichever side wins the grand slam will find greatly enhanced commercial opportunities.

The Scots have cleared up doubts surrounding a back injury to Iain Morrison, the London Scottish flanker, and Craig Joiner, the Melrose wing, has recovered from a cold, but England will wait until today before deciding whether Graham Dawe, their replacement hooker, will be fit. Dawe strained a calf muscle on Wednesday and did not train yesterday; with the A team in South Africa preparing to play Natal tomorrow, Greg Botterman, the Saracens hooker, has been added to the squad as cover.

Dawe is optimistic but it is an exciting moment for Botterman, 27, whose representative honours do not extend beyond divisional level.

England A, whose game in Durban will help to finalise places in the World Cup squad, lost their captain when Steve Bates was advised not to play because of a long-standing knee injury which has flared up. Bates, the Wasps scrum half, has led the A team to an unbeaten season against Ireland, France and Italy. His place goes to Matthew Dawson, of Northampton.

Andy Gomarsall, deputy to Bates at Wasps, flew to Durban last night to join the match replacements and will train with the side this morning. Gomarsall has played for England Emerging Players and England Students this season but, fortuitously, was rested from the student international with Italy at Leicester tonight so that the selectors could watch Simon Johnson, of Bath University.

Johnson is one of four changes from the victory against Wales in yet another England representative team unbeaten this season. Martin Corry and Darren Molloy return to the pack and Peter Scrivenor, a student at Brunel University who has impressed with Wasps this season, comes in at No 8 for the injured Eben Rollitt.

☐ Clayton Thomas, a teacher from Britton Ferry, near Neath, and a newcomer to Wales's international panel this season, is one of his country's two appointments for the World Cup. He joins Derek Bevan, the most experienced international referee in world rugby, who handled the 1991 final.

FIVE NATIONS' CHAMPIONSHIP

Gerald Davies on the lock holding Welsh key 35

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Rodber gets in some lineout practice, with a little help from his friends at an England training session

FA allows released players to return to action

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON AND PETER BALL

INNOCENT until proven guilty: that is the basis for British justice and it allows Bruce Grobbelaar, Hans Segers and John Fashanu to compete, if able, in the FA Carling Premiership tomorrow. Though they have been linked to allegations of match-fixing and were released from police custody, without charge, only on Wednesday, they are free to pursue their trade.

The Football Association has cleared the path for resumption of duties. "It is up to the clubs concerned to decide whether they should be selected," Graham Kelly, the FA chief executive, said.

In the recent case of Chris Armstrong, the Crystal Palace forward, the FA reacted in similar fashion. Armstrong tested postive for cannabis in a sample taken at the club's training ground in Mitcham, Surrey, in January. He was counselled, tested further, with negative results, and told to sit out four matches before being allowed back into circulation in the 2-1 victory over Sheffield Wednesday on Tuesday, in which he scored Palace's first goal.

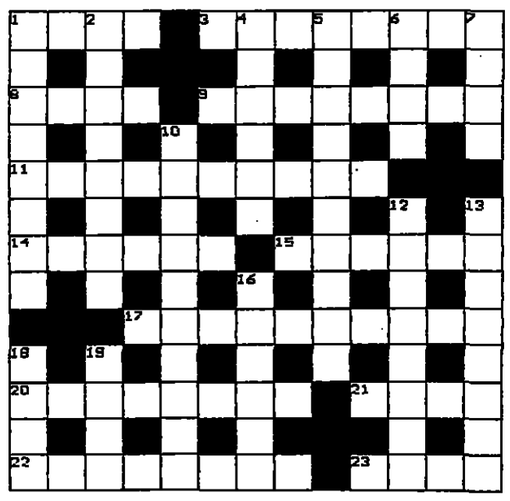
Grobbelaar, Segers and Fashanu have received equally sympathetic treatment from the sport's governing body. No charges, no trial — no suspension. Play on until proven otherwise. A sound, sane verdict, for the moment, amid the most contentious and delicate football issue in decades.

Fashanu, the Aston Villa forward, will not play against West Ham United tomorrow. Injury is likely to keep him out for the rest of the season. Segers, the Wimbledon goalkeeper, may miss the home game with Crystal Palace at Selhurst Park. Joe Kinnear, the Wimbledon manager, is keen to give Neil Sullivan, the club's second-choice custodian, his chance. However, Grobbelaar, the Southampton goalkeeper, is a likely starter in the Premiership match at Nottingham Forest.

Jeff Kenna, the Irish defender, yesterday followed in the footsteps of Alan Shearer and Tim Flowers and moved from Southampton to Blackburn Rovers. Blackburn paid £1.5 million for the full back.

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TIMES TWO CROSSWORD



No 422

ACROSS

1 Mournful cry; amusing person (4)
3 Rodent; hoarder (8)
8 Sediment of drink (4)
9 Drag (miscreant) under boat (8)
11 Improbable (3-7)
14 Estimation (of worth) (6)
15 Lear's toeless creature (6)
17 Analysed; out of order (6,4)
20 Ferdinand's queen; dull yellow colour (8)
21 Melt (together); electrical safeguard (4)
22 Ruins, tears down (8)
23 Low dam (4)

DOWN

1 Torment of damned; rakish club (4-4)
2 Past its best (fruit) (8)
4 Douse, slake (6)
5 I'm sure that's right (3,2,5)
6 Way, course (4)
7 Bouncy rhythm; pleasant accent (4)
10 Days of yore (10)
12 Unqualified (8)
13 Antlered Arctic beast (8)
16 Thin gruel (6)
18 Outside of cheese (4)
19 (Clawed) feet (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 421

ACROSS: 1 T-shirt 4 To a T 9 Acrid 10 Haywire 11 Elusive 12 Breve 13 Perambulate 17 Odium 19 Jollity 22 Jackdaw 23 Crete 24 Mask 25 Slated

DOWN: 1 Tease 2 Hirsute 3 Radii 5 Opine 6 Teeter 7 Cheek by jowl 8 Cymbal 14 Armada 15 Trisect 16 Boojum 18 Incus 20 Local 21 Yield

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Swing drives Faldo to distraction

FROM MEL WEBB IN ORLANDO

A 42-YEAR-OLD driver was both friend and enemy for Nick Faldo as he produced a round of 71, one under par, in the first round of the Nestlé Invitational golf tournament at Bay Hill here yesterday.

The persimmon-headed MacGregor club was given to Faldo two years ago by Mike Hulbert, a US Tour player. It served him well on the front nine, where he hit the ball consistently straight. He got a birdie on the 1st with a single putt after a driver and a six-iron had left him 15 feet from the pin.

After the turn, Faldo was frustrated by a straight push right that suddenly crept into his swing. He three-putted the 14th for his only bogey, but picked up his second birdie with a two-iron to ten feet at the 17th. "The club suits my angle of attack, but I don't understand where this push has come from," he said. "I felt I was swinging the club well all the way round, but for some reason the ball kept heading right on the back nine. Practice ground here I come."

Colin Montgomerie's cup was overflowing when he played the first eight holes in three under par, but he went thirsty over the last ten, dropping four shots to finish the day on 73, one over par.

The burly Scot, a perfectionist if ever there was one, is not the sort of man to go easy on himself when things have gone wrong, and he was throwing the dummy out of his cot with some energy when it was all over. "Three under after eight, and finished one over," he said. "Absolutely pathetic." Interview over, he stumped off looking as though seeking a dog to kick.

Montgomerie hit a sand-wedge to eight feet and sank the putt for a birdie on the 6th, picked up another shot on the next when he played a five-iron in to 15 feet, and made another 15-footer for his third birdie in as many holes at the 8th. That was the end of the good news: he did not hit a single fairway from there on. He missed from eight feet after going into a greenside bunker on the 9th, and dropped another shot on the 13th, when he went into the lake that protects the front of the green.

He looked to be at least one club short on the 364-yard 15th, the ball pulling up 60 feet short on the huge green. Three putts later he had registered his third bogey, and his misery was complete when he failed to get up and down from a greenside bunker on the 17th.

Severiano Ballesteros missed too many fairways for comfort in his 75, the same score as José María Olazábal. Ian Woosnam, playing his second tournament of the season after finishing joint second with Faldo at the Honda Classic last week, was one under after ten holes. Sandy Lyle's dismal form continued — he was three over par after ten.

Britons disqualified

THREE Britons were disqualified on the first day of the Portuguese Open at Penha Longa yesterday. Gordon J. Brand and Sam Torrance signed wrong scores, and Steve Richardson missed his tee-off time after returning to his hotel when play was suspended because of high winds.

Torrance signed for a five at the 10th when he had taken four, then a par four at the 14th when he had bogeyed. "I just didn't check my card," he said. Brand's round of 84 was the worst of the day even before he failed to add a penalty at the final hole.

Richardson had still to tee-off when play was halted by 40mph winds, but he did not realise that the action had been restarted a few hours later and so failed to make the first tee in time. "You would have to say it was stupid and my own fault," he said.

Brawl brings Deveaux two-year ban

BY NICHOLAS HARLING

BASKETBALL authorities have responded to the brawl at Derby a fortnight ago by handing out the heaviest punishments in the history of the British game. DeCarlo Deveaux, 22, the 6ft 5in Bahamian, who was found to be guilty of instigating the mêlée which caused a 22-minute hold-up in the Budweiser League fixture involving his team, the Leopards, has been banned from playing in England for two years.

Deveaux, who played his first game for the London club — whose joint owner is the impresario, Harvey Goldsmith — five weeks ago, will have to pursue his career closer to his Florida base if he is not banned worldwide by the governing body, Fiba. With the sport's family image at stake, a joint disciplinary commission assembled by the Basketball League and the English Basket Ball Association decided that it had no alternative but to effectively end Deveaux's career in England after studying videos presented by both clubs of his "violent conduct" five minutes from the end of the game at the Moorways Centre. He appeared to headbutt and punch one Derby Bucks player, Andy Gardiner, before chasing another, Tim Lascelles, with a wooden post, striking him on the arm.

"I feel very sorry for DeCarlo," Ed Simons, the Leopards joint owner, said yesterday. "He's a lovely kid. What he did was completely out of character. He's never been in any kind of trouble before."

The Leopards, who have been warned about their future behaviour after an incident involving their captain, Karl Brown, last year, have appealed against the decision to punish their coach, Billy Mimms, with 15 disciplinary points, which could rule him out for two games. The commission felt that Mimms had "failed to exercise sufficient control of his own players after an earlier warning".

Two Derby players, Lascelles and Jason Siemon, have also been banned for "violent conduct". Siemon will miss three games but Derby will consider appealing against the severity of Lascelles's ten-game suspension.

